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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1987**

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**8:30 AM-9:45 AM**

**WA, OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF SEMICONDUCTORS AND THIN-FILMS-RAMAN**

*J. R. McNeil, University of New Mexico, Presider*

**8:30 AM (Invited Paper)**

**WA1 Two- and Three-Dimensional Imaging of Thin Films Using the Raman Microprobe**, Philippe M. Fauchet, *Princeton U.* Mapping structural properties of thin films, as grown or after processing, has been achieved with a Raman microprobe. The prospects for true 2-D and 3-D imaging are discussed. (p. 2)

**9:00 AM**

**WA2 Picosecond Transient Reflectivity and Raman Gain Spectra of GaAs**, John Wessel, Steven Beck, *Aerospace Corporation*. We describe the use of picosecond dye laser probes to measure recombination processes on GaAs surfaces and to study stimulated Raman gain spectroscopy of bulk GaAs. (p. 5)

**9:15 AM**

**WA3 Raman Analysis of Inorganic Thin Films**, D. R. Tallant, K. L. Higgins, P. J. Hargis, *Sandia National Laboratories*; A. F. Stewart, *U.S. Air Force Weapons Laboratory*. Techniques for the Raman analysis of plasma-deposited submicrometer silicon films on metallic substrates and dielectric films on Raman-active substrates are described, and typical results are presented. (p. 6)

**9:30 AM**

**WA4 Developments in Raman Spectroscopy for Ion Implant Monitoring**, A. C. de Wilton, M. Simard-Normandin, *Northern Telecom Electronics, Ltd., Canada*; P. T. T. Wong, *National Research Council of Canada*. A Raman technique for detector of low dose ( $\geq 10^{10}$  ions/cm<sup>2</sup>) ion implants in silicon is described. Uses include monitoring of threshold adjust implants for VLSI technology. (p. 7)

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**10:15 AM-11:15 AM**

**WB, OPTICAL IMAGING FOR MATERIALS DIAGNOSTICS**

*James C. Wyant, University of Arizona, Presider*

**10:15 AM (Invited Paper)**

**WB1 Optical Sensing for Automated Inspection**, T. C. Strand, *IBM Almaden Research Center*. Three new types of optical tool: laser diode profilometer, phase shifting interferometer, and laser scanning microscope, are described and their uses in automated inspection are discussed. (p. 12)

**10:45 AM**

**WB2 Television-Holography (ESPI) in Materials Diagnostics**, Ole J. Lokberg, *Norwegian Institute of Technology*; Jan T. Malmo, *Foundation of Scientific & Industrial Research, Norway*. Electronic speckle pattern interferometry provides instant contour maps of extremely small deformations. Its use for studying very hot objects and detection of defects in various materials is described. (p. 16)

**11:00 AM**

**WB3 Laser Mapping of Al-H<sup>+</sup> Impurity Distribution in Vacuum Swept Crystalline Quartz**, J. P. Anthes, P. Garcia, D. R. Koehler, *Sandia National Laboratories*. We have demonstrated that HeNe laser light absorption can be used to map the Al-H<sup>+</sup> impurity concentration distribution in vacuum swept cultured quartz. (p. 20)

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**WC, NONLINEAR PROBES AND INTERACTIONS**

*L. Radziemski, New Mexico State University, Presider*

**11:15 AM**

**WC1 Surface Second Harmonic Generation Spectroscopy of Oxide Surfaces**, W. M. Hetherington III, G. G. Padma Bandu, T. L. Mazely, Z. Z. Ho, W. M. K. P. Wijekoon, *U. Arizona*. Surface SHG theory and spectroscopy have been developed to study molecular adsorption and desorption on oxide surfaces. (p. 24)

**11:30 AM**

**WC2 Surface CARS Spectroscopy with Optical Waveguides**, W. M. Hetherington III, Z. Z. Ho, W. M. K. P. Wijekoon, E. W. Koenig, *U. Arizona*. Surface CARS spectroscopy using planar optical waveguide geometry has been developed to study molecular adsorption on oxide surfaces. (p. 26)

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**WC3 Analysis of Uranium Solutions Using Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy**, David A. Cremers, Joseph R. Wachter, *Los Alamos National Laboratory*. Uranium solutions were analyzed by laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy. The analytical performance was determined and the effects of some experimental parameters on the analysis was evaluated. (p. 28)

12:00 M

**WC4 Optical Methods for the Study of Explosive Chemistry**, Wayne M. Trott, Anita M. Renlund, *Sandia National Laboratories*. Emission spectroscopy, time-resolved infrared spectral photography, and single-pulse Raman scattering methods have been used to study chemical reactions in shock-loaded materials and in detonating energetic materials. (p. 32)

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**WD, LASER DIAGNOSTICS OF GAS-PHASE PROCESSING: 1**  
C. B. Hogge, *U.S. Air Force Weapons Laboratory*, Presider

1:30 PM (Invited Paper)

**WD1 Laser Spectroscopy of Chemical Vapor Deposition**, William G. Breiland, Pauline Ho, Michael E. Coltrin, *Sandia National Laboratories*. *In situ* laser Raman spectroscopy and laser-excited fluorescence data are compared with a detailed model for chemical vapor deposition. (p. 38)

2:00 PM

**WD2 Analysis of the Chemical Vapor Deposition of Silicon by Intracavity Laser Spectroscopy**, J. J. O'Brien, G. H. Atkinson, *U. Arizona*. Absorption spectra of SiH<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> have been monitored by intracavity laser techniques during the pyrolytic and microwave discharge decomposition of silane and several organosilanes. (p. 42)

2:15 PM

**WD3 High Frequency Optical Heterodyne Spectroscopy with Lead Salt Semiconductor Diode Lasers**, David E. Cooper, *SRI International*. Optical heterodyne spectroscopy with tunable lead salt diode lasers offers the prospect of infrared absorption measurements at the quantum limit. We discuss the current status of the technique and present some recent experimental results. (p. 46)

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3:00 PM-3:45 PM

**WE, LASER DIAGNOSTICS OF GAS-PHASE PROCESSING: 2**  
Pauline Ho, *Sandia National Laboratories*, Presider

3:00 PM (Invited Paper)

**WE1 Laser Diagnostics of Radio Frequency Discharges**, Richard A. Gottscho, *AT&T Bell Laboratories*. Recent applications of laser spectroscopy to the study of plasma and plasma-surface processes are reviewed. Using laser-induced fluorescence and optogalvanic spectroscopy, measurements of concentration gradients, reaction probabilities, electric fields, and process end-points have helped to elucidate plasma-chemical mechanisms. (p. 52)

3:30 PM

**WE2 Quantum-Resolved Gas-Surface Scattering: NH<sub>3</sub> from Au(111)**, Bruce D. Kay, T. D. Raymond, Michael E. Coltrin, *Sandia National Laboratories*. Rotationally and vibrationally inelastic scattering of NH<sub>3</sub> from Au(111) is probed using multiphoton ionization. Classical trajectory calculations are employed to theoretically model this system. (p. 56)

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3:45 PM-4:30 PM

**WF, OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACES**  
J. Gerardo, *Sandia National Laboratories*, Presider

3:45 PM (Invited Paper)

**WF1 Characterization of Materials by Visible-Near UV Spectrophotometric and Spectroellipsometric Techniques**, D. E. Aspnes, *Bell Communications Research, Inc.* Determination of material characteristics such as microstructures, alloy compositions, densities, film thicknesses, and surface and interface properties are discussed. (p. 62)

4:15 PM

**WF2 Spatial Resolution and Defect Contrast of Optical Beam-Induced Reflectance Scans**, G. E. Carver, *AT&T Engineering Research Center*; D. C. Joy, *AT&T Bell Laboratories*. Defects in silicon are detected by a new nondestructive technique, OBIR. The spatial resolution and contrast are compared to electron beam-induced current scans. (p. 66)

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6:30 PM CONFERENCE BANQUET

Colonel Lawrence L. Gooch, *Kirtland Air Force Base*, Speaker

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1987**

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**8:30 AM-9:45 AM**

**ThA, NONRADIATIVE PROBES OF ABSORPTION**  
C. H. Seager, *Sandia National Laboratories, Presider*

**8:30 AM (Invited Paper)**

**ThA1 Laser-Induced Modulated Reflectance in Semiconductor Materials Analysis**, Allan Rosencwaig, *Thermal-Wave, Inc.* Laser-induced modulated reflectance is a valuable method for studying lattice damage and electronic surface states in semiconductor materials. (p. 72)

**9:00 AM**

**ThA2 Coating Thermal Transport Properties Measurement Using Thermal Diffusion Wave Interferometry**, Randall T. Swinn, *U. Southern California*. The present status of a project to measure the thermal transport properties of various optical coating materials in thin-film format is described. (p. 77)

**9:15 AM**

**ThA3 Photothermal Probe-Beam Deflection Measurement of Moisture Adsorption on a Silicon Surface in Atmospheric Conditions**, Holger Schroeder, Andrew C. Tam, *IBM Almaden Research Center*. The adsorption of water molecules on a silicon surface in atmospheric conditions is measured by using a pulsed laser to cause desorption non-destructively and probe-beam deflection to detect the pressure pulse caused by the desorption. (p. 79)

**9:30 AM**

**ThA4 Matched Sample Differential Laser Calorimetry**, M. Bass, R. T. Swinn, M. E. Innocenzi, *U. Southern California*. A new technique is described for thermocouple laser calorimetry in which matched samples are used, one as the sample under study and one as the reference. In this configuration the signals due to surface absorption, scattering and thermal drifts are balanced out. The result is a means of absolute measurement of optical absorption with minimal errors and extremely high sensitivity. The technique is applicable to both solid and liquid samples. (p. 84)

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**10:15 AM-11:15 AM**

**ThB, DIAGNOSTICS OF LASER PROCESSING: 1**  
J. Figuera, *Los Alamos National Laboratory, Presider*

**10:15 AM (Invited Paper)**

**ThB1 In-Situ Raman Microprobe Analysis of Direct Laser Writing**, Irving P. Herman, *Columbia U.* Raman microprobe methods are described that may be used to analyze microstructures fabricated by direct laser writing, either *in-situ* after processing or in real time during processing. (p. 88)

**10:45 AM**

**ThB2 Photodarkening in In Situ Textured PbTe Films: Technique for High Contrast Optical Storage in Polycrystalline Thin Films**, L. Kameswara Rao, A. Selvarajan, *Indian Institute of Science-Bangalore*. A novel high-contrast optical storage technique based on photodarkening phenomena in polycrystalline films of *in situ* textured PbTe films is demonstrated. Free running Nd:YAG laser pulses are used for irradiating the films. The origin as well as the nature of the photodarkening in these films is investigated using spectrophotometry, transmission electron microscopy, and x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy. It is suggested that the modification of the void network in the film via topological reordering of the atoms by laser heating is responsible for the observed darkening. (p. 92)

**11:00 AM (Invited Paper)**

**ThB3 Characterization of Optically Induced Periodic Structures on Semiconductor Surfaces**, Dragan V. Podlesnik, *Columbia U.* High-resolution, spatially periodic structures are produced on semiconductor surfaces by using two interfering beams to initiate localized chemical reactions. This type of processing, which can be monitored in real time, provides insight into many interfacial phenomena. (p. 95)

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**1:30 PM-2:30 PM**

**ThC, LASER-DRIVEN MASS SPECTROMETRY**  
R. Keller, *Los Alamos National Laboratory, Presider*

**1:30 PM (Invited Paper)**

**ThC1 Laser Microprobe Mass Spectrometry and its Relationship to Other Microanalytical Techniques**, Charles A. Evans, Jr., *Charles Evans & Associates*. There is a variety of techniques employed for the microanalysis of materials, the majority employing focused ions or electron beams to probe the materials. In recent years, laser microprobe mass spectrometry has been developed to provide a unique and complementary characterization capability. This paper deals with the basic phenomena involved, instrumentation, and illustrations of the technique's utility with several applications. (p. 100)

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**2:00 PM (Invited Paper)**

**ThC2 Resonance Ionization Mass Spectrometry Using Ion-Beam Sampling**, D. E. Goeringer, W. H. Christie, *Oak Ridge National Laboratory*. Resonance ionization mass spectrometry has been used to study the effects of surface chemistry on neutral yields from ion-beam sputtered samples. (p. 101)

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**ThD, DIAGNOSTICS OF LASER PROCESSING: 2**  
K. E. Greenberg, *Sandia National Laboratories*, Presider

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**ThD1 Ultraviolet Laser Etching: Diatomic Temperatures by Laser-Induced Fluorescence Measurements**, R. W. Dreyfus, R. E. Walkup, Roger Kelly, R. Srinivasan, *IBM T. J. Watson Research Center*. LIF measurements on C<sub>2</sub> radicals produced by excimer etching of graphite surfaces indicate a thermal vaporization mechanism. Conversely, non-thermal energy distributions for diatomics from polymer and sapphire surfaces suggest a photochemical etching process. (p. 106)

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**ThD2 Excimer Laser Photochemistry of Al Alkyls Monitored by Dye Laser Mass Spectrometry**, Y. Zhang, M. Stuke, *Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry*, F. R. Germany; R. Larciprete, E. Borsella, *ENEA*, Italy. Ultra-violet-excimer laser photoproducts of the aluminum alkyls TIBA, TEA, and TMA are identified. Aluminum atoms and AlH molecules are major products (TIBA, TEA at 248 nm). (p. 110)

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**ThE, OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF SEMICONDUCTORS- PHOTOLUMINESCENCE**  
R. C. Hammond, *Los Alamos National Laboratory*, Presider

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**ThE1 Optical Characterization of III-V Semiconductors**, D. C. Reynolds, K. K. Bajaj, *AFWAL/AADR*. High-resolution optical spectroscopy is an important experimental technique that can be used for studying the bulk components, quantum wells, and interfaces of heterostructure systems. (p. 114)

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**ThE2 Laser Diagnostics of Cadmium Telluride: Crystal Quality and Exciton Dynamics**, Donald E. Cooper, J. Bajaj, P. R. Newman, *Rockwell International Science Center*; P. M. Rentzepis, J. Andrew Hutchinson, *UC-Irvine*. Laser-induced photoluminescence was used to evaluate the crystal quality and purity of CdTe. Photoluminescence decays from polaritons and bound excitons yield information about exciton dynamics. (p. 118)

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**ThE3 Picosecond Time-Resolved Emission of Mercury Cadmium Telluride and Related II-VI Semiconductor Crystals**, J. Andrew Hutchinson, T. E. Dutton, P. M. Rentzepis, *UC-Irvine*; Donald E. Cooper, J. Bajaj, P. R. Newman, *Rockwell International Science Center*. Picosecond-resolved emission of HgCdTe and CdTe crystals by a IR-visible streak camera shows temperature dependent multiexponential decay kinetics and elucidates the mechanisms of exciton trapping and annihilation. (p. 122)

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**OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF  
SEMICONDUCTORS AND THIN-FILMS-RAMAN**

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## TWO AND THREE DIMENSIONAL IMAGING OF THIN FILMS USING THE RAMAN MICROPROBE

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There is an increasing need for non-destructive characterization techniques that require no special sample preparation, can be used *in-situ*, and provide quantitative information with good spatial resolution. The Raman microprobe fulfills these requirements. We illustrate the capabilities of the Raman microprobe by presenting results obtained on thin films after laser-induced damage, after laser or rapid thermal annealing, and on heteroepitaxial semiconductor layers. The prospects for two and three-dimensional imaging of important properties such as composition, strain, and crystalline quality or orientation are discussed.

The Raman microprobe combines a standard Raman scattering apparatus with an optical microscope. The probe laser beam is focused to a one micron spot on the surface of the sample and the Raman signal from that illuminated area is collected by the same microscope and then analyzed by the monochromator. Microscopy is achieved by translating the sample in the focal plane. Our microprobe is a commercial instrument [1].

Many important properties of solids can be measured by Raman spectroscopy. These include composition, crystallinity, crystal orientation, strain, and

doping level. For example, strain is measured by the shift of the optic phonon frequency [2], the size and shape of very small crystallites are deduced from a complete lineshape analysis [3,4], and the crystal orientation is obtained through polarization studies [5].

The Raman microprobe allows determination of these properties with a spatial resolution comparable to that of good optical microscopes. Furthermore, it does not require any special sample preparation, is non-destructive, can be used *in-situ* [6], and offers the prospect of three-dimensional imaging. This can be achieved by tuning the wavelength of the laser focused through the microscope : in the visible, the penetration depth of light in semiconductors decreases with increasing photon energy. Depth profiling has been used in macro-Raman experiments [7].

We will present results obtained with the Raman microprobe in several situations. Variations in crystallinity and strain have been mapped after pulsed laser-induced damage of optical and semiconductor films [8]; the effects of cw laser and rapid thermal annealing of thin silicon films on insulator have been compared [9]; strain and crystallinity in heteroepitaxial semiconductor structures have been spatially resolved [10]. In all these cases, the Raman microprobe provided information that could not have been gathered with the same accuracy, spatial resolution, or ease.

The next step may now be the development of a true Raman microscope. Several schemes are possible. Presently, switching from a point focus to a line focus appears to be an attractive way to make a practical *scanning Raman microscope*.

scope. With the use of a two-dimensional detector array for recording the Raman spectrum, it may be possible to use this new microscope in R and D environments.

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## Picosecond Transient Reflectivity and Raman Gain Spectra of GaAs

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Recently Woodall and co-workers<sup>1</sup> at IBM reported interesting results from a photowashing procedure applied to (100) GaAs. Unpinned behavior was observed immediately after washing. Photoluminescence yields measured from regions near the surface increased dramatically. The results suggested that the strong surface band bending ordinarily present in GaAs can be essentially eliminated by the photowashing procedure.

We developed a picosecond photoreflectance technique that quantitatively measures surface recombination processes and report the results for photowashed (100) GaAs. The interpretation supports the model suggested by the IBM work. We measured changes in reflectivity of a probe beam induced by an above-bandgap pump pulse. Time delays for the probe beam were scanned over the range 0 to .5 ns. Results obtained before and after photochemical washing were compared for a variety of samples. The unwashed commercial samples displayed complex kinetic behavior that varied appreciably from sample to sample and even for different sides of samples. Typical time scales for the fast decay components ranged from 10 to about 100 ps for these samples. However, the photochemically washed samples yielded uniform results that provide text book examples of diffusion controlled recombination processes. We demonstrate that surface recombination velocities are exceedingly small on photochemically cleaned (100) surfaces of doped and undoped GaAs and that a simple model accurately describes recombination, in terms of a single unknown parameter, the surface recombination velocity. Furthermore, we show that surface recombination processes dominate transient reflectivity results for uncleared, pinned GaAs samples.

In a separate set of experiments, we employed the tunable picosecond laser system to measure stimulated Raman gain spectra of GaAs samples. Excellent spectra were obtained for below-bandgap scattering from bulk material. We obtained definitive confirmation of GaAs Raman scattering mechanisms by measuring polarization, scattering direction, and wavelength dependence of the scattering processes. The intensity of the important polar LO phonon was shown to be described accurately by contributions from the deformation potential mechanism, the forbidden Frohlich mechanism, and at near-bandgap, from the Gogolin-Rashba mechanism. Theoretical calculations reconciled these results with recent above-bandgap conventional Raman scattering assignments provided by Cardona's group<sup>2</sup>. (1) S. D. Offsey, J. M. Woodall, A. C. Warren, P. D. Kirchner, T. I. Chappell, and G. D. Pettit, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **48**, 475 (1986). (2) J. Menendez and M. Cardona, *Phys. Rev. B31*, 3696 (1985).

Raman Analysis of Inorganic Thin Films\*

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ABSTRACT

Techniques for the Raman analysis of plasma-deposited submicrometer silicon films on metallic substrates and dielectric films on Raman-active substrates will be described and typical results will be presented.

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Developments in Raman Spectroscopy for Ion Implant Monitoring

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SUMMARY

As part of a strategy for development of in situ process monitoring for VLSI technology we are evaluating a number of optical techniques applicable to implantation and annealing processes. Techniques with potential for non-destructive characterization of patterned production wafers, rather than test wafers, are of primary interest. Consequently, the techniques to be considered must (i) be non-contact and non-contaminating; (ii) have high spatial resolution; (iii) provide rapid real time analysis; and (iv) use equipment that is adaptable for automatic or turn-key operation. Raman spectroscopy meets these criteria and the technique is well suited for studying materials for silicon technology (1). Features in the Raman phonon spectrum of implanted silicon can provide information on ion-damage prior to annealing or on the activation and distribution of dopant after annealing (2). In this paper we investigate the limits to the dose and energy of boron implants which can be detected by Raman spectroscopy.

The Raman phonon spectrum of silicon is sensitive to ion damage caused by both amorphizing and non-amorphizing implants. In order to monitor implant

parameters before annealing, changes in the spectral band intensities can be analyzed to obtain a measure of the extent of ion damage. Raman spectra were recorded for  $B^+$  and  $BF_2^+$  implants in the dose range from  $3 \times 10^{10}$  ions/cm $^2$  to  $1 \times 10^{16}$  ions/cm $^2$ . The spectral region which was examined ( $100-1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) included the sharp intense band at  $520\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristic of single crystalline silicon, as well as the second order (overtone) band at  $980\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The measured intensity of the optical phonon was observed to decrease with increasing implant dose, but calibration of absolute intensities is difficult. Measurement of implantation dependent changes in the relative intensities of two or more bands within one spectrum was found to be more reliable. When the peak height intensity of the optical phonon was normalized, it was observed that the relative intensities of the band at  $980\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and of the disorder induced bands at  $\sim 460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  increased with increasing implant dose. In particular, a heavily ion damaged implant ( $3 \times 10^{15}\text{ B}^+/\text{cm}^2$ ) was characterized by a spectrum with broad bands at  $\sim 460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , similar to those of amorphous silicon, as well as the sharp band at  $520\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Although lower dose implants below  $10^{13}$  ions/cm $^2$  cause correspondingly smaller intensity changes, these small differences can be amplified by taking the ratio of the spectrum of an implanted sample to that of an unimplanted sample. The value of the intensity ratio in the region of one of the damage induced bands, e.g. at  $\sim 460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , can be quantitatively related to the dose and energy of the implant, without necessarily having detailed knowledge of the microstructure of the damaged region.

The ratio technique is shown to be capable of detecting low energy  $B^+$  and  $BF_2^+$  implants at doses as low as  $3 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Since the method evaluates ion damage, it is equally applicable to  $P^+$ ,  $As^+$  or other heavy ion implants at

low doses, and to  $B^+$  implants at doses up to  $\sim 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Implants which create an amorphous layer thicker than  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$  are beyond the capability of the present technique but can be studied by infrared ellipsometry (3). The samples are evaluated immediately after implantation with no anneal step being necessary and the presence of a surface oxide layer does not interfere with the measurements. A tunable laser can be used to optimize the sensitivity of the method for implants of different energies.

The capability for detection of 20-80 keV  $B^+$  (or equivalent  $BF_2^+$  energies) and 50-120 keV  $P^+$  in the lower dose range is of particular interest. Currently there are few non-contact, non-destructive methods of evaluating implant doses below  $10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  in patterned production wafers. Furthermore, the methods commonly used for process monitoring on test wafers require double implants or annealing of the implants before measurement (4). Problems in the anneal cycle may lead to misleading results for the implant parameters unless there is a technique for checking each process independently.

After annealing, a similar Raman technique can be used to determine the distribution of electrically activated boron or to study residual ion-damage. The detection limits for activated boron in annealed implants will be discussed briefly, and some Raman data which compare the electrical activation of boron in  $B^+$  and  $BF_2^+$  implants will be presented. Results will be correlated with secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) and spreading resistance profiles.

Raman spectroscopy is non-destructive and non-contact. Analysis times are typically less than 10 minutes per wafer. A Raman micro-probe system would enable measurements to be made on patterned wafers with spatial resolution of

-1  $\mu$ m. The technique is therefore a promising optical method with potential capabilities for process monitoring of patterned production wafers for VLSI applications.

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**OPTICAL IMAGING FOR MATERIALS  
DIAGNOSTICS**

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## Optical Sensing for Automated Inspection

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Optics has always played a major role in industrial inspection and measurement applications. However in the past a critical component in such systems has often been the human eye. This aspect is changing rapidly now with the introduction of new technologies and new concepts in optical measurement. We will describe a number of new tools that provide new capabilities in inspection and also can eliminate the human from the measurement process.

Optical inspection can be used in two generic areas: metrology and materials characterization. In metrology one is interested in measuring the dimensional parameters of the parts in question. These applications are conveniently subdivided into measurements of lateral dimensions, e.g. distance between two points on a plane, and longitudinal dimensions, e.g. step heights. New imaging devices such as CCDs and new imaging modalities such as laser scanning systems have brought dramatic changes in the way lateral dimensions of parts are measured. New concepts in stereo methods, heterodyne techniques, and interferometry are having a similar impact on the measurement of longitudinal dimensions. Optics has always been a fundamental tool for materials characterization through such techniques as spectroscopy and ellipsometry. With the advent of new tools these characterization capabilities have been greatly expanded. An area that has seen particularly dramatic rise is high spatial resolution studies of materials. Raman microprobes, laser mass analyzers, and the various capabilities provided by laser scanning microscopes are examples of these new capabilities.

We will describe three specific tools which we have worked on with the goal of extending the capabilities of optics in the types of inspection problems we see in the microelectronics and data storage industries. First we will discuss two metrology tools, a laser diode profilometer and a phase measuring interferometer. Then we will discuss laser scanning microscope systems. We will draw examples from work in our own group and other groups within IBM Research.

In the data storage area there is need to characterize surfaces with nanometer range accuracy. Presently, the main tool for such measurements is a stylus profilometer. These tools have three inherent problems: they are contact measurements which run the risk of damaging the sample; they are relatively slow; they are only practical for one-dimensional measurements. Optical techniques offer means of overcoming these limitations. One device which we have studied as a potential replacement of the stylus profilometer is a laser diode profilometer(1). This device has two main objectives. The first is to provide noncontact measurement. This not only avoids the potential for damage to the sample, it also allows faster scanning, since the desire not to damage the sample or the stylus tip limits the scanning speed of a stylus profilometer. The second objective is to develop a system that provides an output directly related to the surface profile without the need for post-detection processing and without the need to do fringe tracking or phase unwrapping. The system is based on the concept that object to be measured and the front facet of the laser diode form an external cavity whose reflectance is a function of the product of the external cavity length and the laser emission frequency. Thus by monitoring the cavity reflectance, we can learn something about the cavity length. To avoid the need for fringe tracking or phase unwrapping, we use the reflectivity signal as a feedback to the laser diode current. This feedback controls the emission frequency in such a way that as the external cavity length changes as we scan over the object, the frequency is also changed so that the product, and thus the reflectivity, remains a constant. In this situation, the feedback signal is in fact proportional to the cavity length

over a range that is not limited by the laser wavelength. It thus provides us with a direct profile signal which has the basic accuracy of an interferometric system with a range limited by the feedback system. Fig. 1 shows the result of testing this system by monitoring a moving mirror. A linear response was obtained over a range of about 10 microns.

Optics research has also made significant strides in developing interferometric techniques for measuring profiles over two-dimensional surfaces. The major problem in this area has been interferogram interpretation, i.e. how do you go from an image of interference fringes to an image of the surface profile? Phase measuring interferometers represent an advance in data acquisition and processing techniques which greatly simplify the interpretation question(2). Phase measuring interferometers take a series of interference images, each with a different phase shift of the reference beam, and from these calculate the phase at each point. The phase is generally determined modulo  $2\pi$ . To overcome this limitation, the standard procedure is to assume the surface is continuous, and to eliminate the artificial  $2\pi$  phase jumps in software. Of course this technique fails when the object has a step discontinuity in the surface which is more than half the wavelength of the illumination. We have investigated an extension of the phase measuring interferometer which overcomes this limitation. It is based on using illumination of limited coherence length. This is obtained by taking a white-light source and filtering it to the desired bandwidth. The bandwidth, or equivalently the coherence length, is determined by the measurement range we want. With such a source, the interference fringes have a contrast which decreases as one goes away from the zero path length difference condition. We use this fringe contrast information to remove the ambiguity in a normal, monochromatic interference image. Whereas with a normal phase measuring interferometer, determining the phase at a given point depends upon knowing the phase at at least one neighboring point, with this approach, the phase at each point is determined independently of all other points. We have implemented this in a microscope system shown schematically in Fig. 2. In this drawing, the reference mirror is moved by a piezoelectric crystal to acquire a sequence of images with different phase shifts. Fig. 3 is the result of processing an object with a 1 micron step. Such objects are impossible to measure with normal phase measuring interferometers.

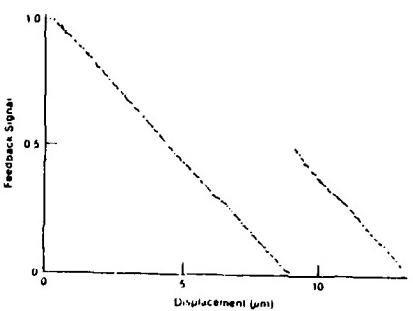
Another recent development in optical techniques for inspection is the emergence of laser scanning microscopes (3). These systems have several unique features which make them useful in inspection applications. Since the image is formed through a scanning process, the optics can be simplified and/or optimized to the problem. Among other things, scanning systems can generally be designed to provide higher contrast than conventional systems. Furthermore, the detector system is simplified since only a single element is required. This for example, permits the use of photomultipliers for situations where light sensitivity is an issue. The high intensity achievable in the scanning beam has several advantages, especially in fluorescence studies or investigations involving nonlinear interactions. One interesting and unique application of the laser scanning microscope technique is for imaging magnetic domains by monitoring Kerr rotation (4). In this system, shown in Fig. 4, the magnetization of the surface under study is modulated. This in turn modulates the polarization rotation of the laser beam. The polarization modulation is detected synchronously. This technique accentuates magnetic domain walls since the motion of the walls causes points along the nominal wall position to see large changes in magnetization. One important modification to the laser scanning microscope is to not only illuminate with a focussed point of light, but also to image the scanning spot onto a pinhole in front of the detector. This is called a confocal arrangement. It has two significant advantages. First it improves the spatial resolution over a normal microscope. Secondly, it provides a sensitive depth discrimination capability since most of the light from an out-of-focus point will be blocked by the pinhole. This contrasts with a conventional microscope where light from out-of-focus planes adds an undesirable background to the image. Confocal systems can be used for profilometry applications and for high resolution imaging of objects with significant surface relief, since only points which are in-focus are imaged. All of these properties of laser scanning systems are well known and have led to commercial products by a number of companies. An area which has received less attention is in laser scanning systems which measure not only the amplitude of the return beam, but also its phase (5-7). These

typically use some form of heterodyne detection which permits very precise phase measurements. When used as profilometers, such systems are capable of measuring sub-angstrom surface variations. Such capabilities of course go beyond the typical industrial inspection requirements, but are useful as an analytic tool in studying surfaces and materials.

In summary, we see the confluence of new concepts in image acquisition, new developments in optical sources, and advances in image detection and image processing helping to give optics an increasingly important role in the industrial inspection arena as well as having an significant impact in a wide variety of research areas.

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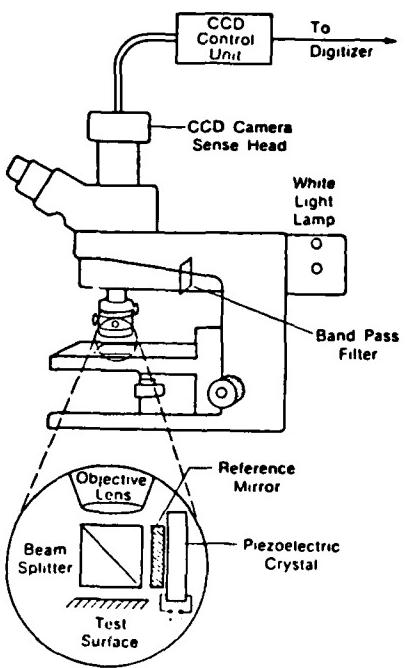
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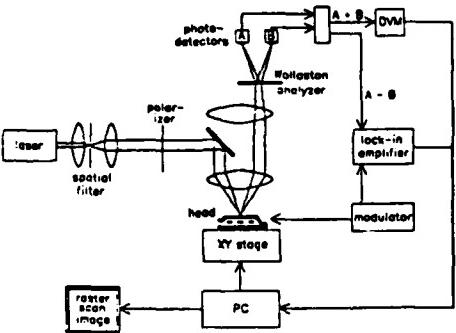
**Figure 1.** Laser diode interferometer feedback signal as a function of object displacement.



**Figure 3.** Output from extended range phase measuring interferometer. Measuring test target of 1 mm high bars etched in silicon.



**Figure 2.** Phase measuring microscope interferometer.



**Figure 4.** Schematic of laser scanning microscope for measuring Kerr rotation.

TV-HOLOGRAPHY (ESPI) IN MATERIAL DIAGNOSTICS.

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Almost a quarter of a century ago hologram interferometry was hailed as the promising tool for material testing and diagnosis. This prophecy has been partly fulfilled, but mainly within the safe enclosure of the laboratory and for carefully designed experiments. The limitation of the technique has been-and still is, even with the new thermoplastic materials- the time delay between recording and display.

TV-holography or ESPI (Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometry) is a hologram interferometry technique where the holograms are recorded directly by the video-camera and reconstructed by electronic processing of the video signal. We observe immediately the reconstructed hologram image on the video monitor. This real-time operation has proven beneficiary not only for work under adverse conditions, but also opened up for new techniques for revealing material faults and behaviour.

System description

A detailed description of the ESPI-principle is not possible within the limited space of this paper. Readers interested in the theory behind the technique and the system's practical construction may consult e.g references 1-2, where also some of the applications within material diagnosis are described.

The commercial system used by our group consists of two boxes, each box about the size of a carry on luggage with a total weight of about 20 kg. One box is the optical head and contains laser, video-camera and interferometer components. The other box contains electronic processor, video-monitor and a digital frame store with connected electronics. A video tape recorder is usually used to record the experiments.

In practical use the laser-illumination is directed towards the test - object and a suitable image magnification is chosen. The reconstructed monitor image has interferometric sensitivity regarding the position of the test object. The measurement yardstick is provided by the laser wavelength which in this case is .633  $\mu$ m. whereby extremely small deformations can be detected and measured.

The ESPI-images look coarse compared to recordings by ordinary holographic interferometry. This is caused by the much lower resolution of the video-system compared to holographic film. However, the speed and ease by which the ESPI-recordings are made amply outweighs the reduced pictorial quality.

Modes of Operation

The ESPI technique is used to visualize and measure small changes of the position of the test-object's surface. The changes are shown as a contour map which is read like an ordinary map except that the contour spacing is given by the laser wavelength. It is natural to divide the measurement modes into vibrations and deformations.

For both modes ESPI works non-destructively and needs no calibration. The test-object is not loaded by e.g. strain gages and wires, and its surface does not have to be prepared in any way. ESPI provides immediately a global picture of the surface changes. In this sense the technique works as if  $512 \times 512$  (the number of resolution cells in the video system) individual transducers had been placed across the surface.

Analysis and inspection of vibration resonance patterns are the most common use of the technique. We observe and measure the amplitude- and phase distribution. We determine the direction of the vibration vector and measure the sharpness of resonances. These measurements are possible from almost zero Hz. to the MHz.-region over an amplitude range from 10 pm. to over 10 Km. The technique can be applied on very unstable objects in hostile environments.

Deformation measurements are equally easily performed by use of a digital video-store. A reference position of the object is stored by activating the digital store. The subsequent frames coming from the video-camera are subtracted from this references frame and the resulting images are depicted on the video-monitor. When the object deforms, the video image will be covered with a fringe pattern which shows the relative deformation. Whenever the object deformation becomes too large for the fringes to be resolved by the video-system, a new reference frame is recorded. In this way very large deformations can be monitored and analyzed afterward if the experiment is recorded on a videotape recorder. The deformation testing is more sensible to object instabilities than the vibration analysis. However, successful experiments performed in factory environments have shown that the technique can be used for on - site testing.

Applications in material inspection

We like to stress that the ESPI like hologram interferometry only provide information about the displacement of the surface. Although very tiny displacements can be seen, the main problem will always be to find ways to "excite" the test-object which makes the observed deformation relate to a material or structural defect. This problem is different from applications where we want to find how the object react to a given load.

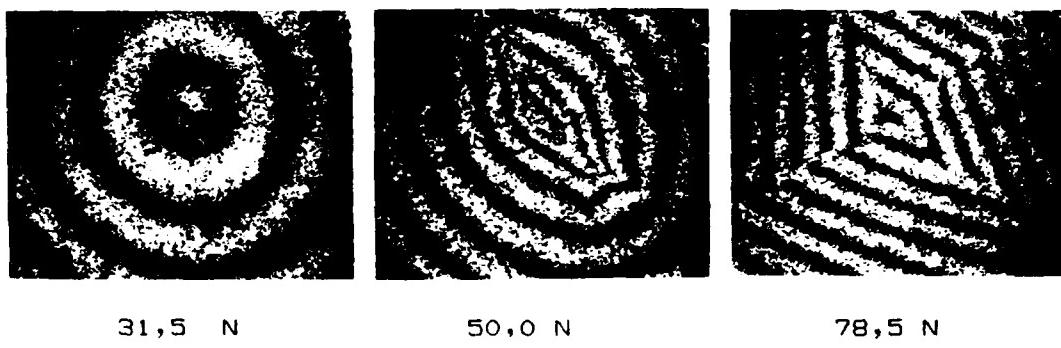
The optimum excitation will vary with structure and material. Heat, pressure, vibration and mechanical force have all been tried with variable success. The modern materials like honeycombs and laminated structures react surprisingly well to simple heating. This is due to low thermal transfer across the material which (usually) gives the defect time to deform the surface differently. Materials like steel dissipates heat so rapidly that is very hard to bring out for example a crack. Here a mechanical force correctly applied may be the best solution.

Excitation by vibrations may be very effective and simple to use.

The main problem is that high frequencies (and high excitation levels) are needed to bring out the smaller defects.

We have used ESPI for several applications which might be included within material testing and diagnosis. Much work has been on the detection of cracks and their development in different materials. Usually the material is increasingly loaded until failure while we record its surface behaviour. In most cases we have detected cracks and other abnormalities at lower loads than conventional methods.

Samples from such an experiment are shown on figure 1. where a small ceramics plate is deformed by an increasing, symmetrical load. At the lower load, the fringe pattern is regular as expected. The deformation is found by multiplying the number of fringes by the sensitivity factor, for this experiment about 0.3  $\mu\text{m.a fringe}$ . At higher loads, cracks start to develop as seen from the irregularities in the pattern. By analyzing the fringe patterns recorded during the experiment, we find the deformation as function of load. We also can describe and quantify the formations of cracks as they appear and develop during the experiment.



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Figure 1. Deformation and crack development in ceramics.

As ceramics is mainly of industrial interest for use at elevated temperatures, we have developed the ESPI-technique to study very hot objects ( 3 ). Here the two main experimental problems are micro-structure stability and background radiation. The first problem can be solved by placing the object in an inert atmosphere or vacuum provided the object does not evaporate. Sometimes it might also be of interest to follow and measure the formation of surface shells due to oxidation. The background radiation problem is solved by use of strong lasers and narrow-band filters. Recently we have reached about +3000°C looking at small areas (about  $2 * 2 \text{ mm}^2$ ) on tungsten lamp filaments. ESPI recordings of larger samples, about  $1 * 5 \text{ cm}^2$ , have been possible to about +2100°C, a limit set mainly by the available laser power (300 mW at 488.0 nm). This opens for interferometric investigations of material behaviour at their working temperature. For example we are able to observe the phase changes taking place in the material as the material is heating up.

"Fabricated" defects in composite materials like honeycomb and laminated structure have been detected as abnormalities in the fringe patterns ( 4 ). Sometimes the defect is clearly outlined as in the examples on figure 2. The defect in case a) is letters

inserted in the middle of the laminated structure. (The letters read "yod jul" which stands for "merry christmas" in Norwegian). Case b) shows the fringe pattern due a paper clip incorporated in the back plies of the structure. We are here observing and exciting (heating) the 23 plies deep structure from the front side.

For some other "arranged" defects the correlation between defect shape and resulting deformation has been much less obvious if any at all. However, we should not forget that this technique tells us how the surface reacts to a certain load or excitation. This information is clearly related to the strength of the material and might in some cases more important than detecting even smaller defects.

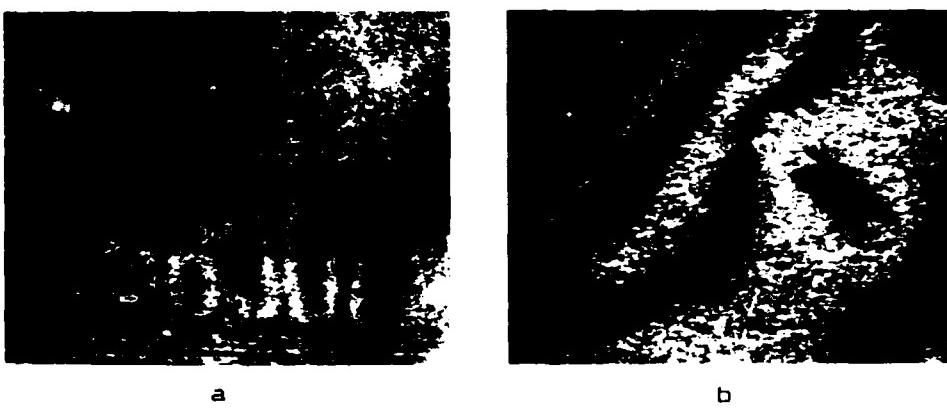


Figure 2. "Defects" in laminated structure.

We stress again that ESPI in principle perform the same measurements as hologram interferometry but at far greater ease and speed. We also point out that the still pictures presented herein are not representative for the technique's potential. The live, real - time observation allows for fringe manipulation which enables finer details to be detected.

#### Concluding remarks

We have briefly described the principles of ESPI and some of its application for material testing and diagnosis. For certain applications like high temperature measurements, the ESPI offers a new solution. For other applications like defect diagnosis, the technique may provide an interesting supplement to existing techniques like e.g. ultra-sonic diagnosis.

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LASER MAPPING OF  $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$  IMPURITY DISTRIBUTION  
IN VACUUM SWEPT CRYSTALLINE QUARTZ

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We have used HeNe laser light absorption to perform 2-D spatial mapping of hole-compensated aluminum ( $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$ ) impurity sites produced during vacuum sweeping of crystalline quartz. Application of an electric field parallel to the optic axis can produce a hole<sup>(1)</sup> trapped at a non-bonding oxygen ion ( $\text{AlO}_4^-$ ) site. These hole-compensated  $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$  sites introduce color center absorption. The electro-diffusion process (sweeping) is performed under elevated temperature and vacuum conditions. The diffusion process produces a time-dependent spatial distribution of the  $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$  centers and associated  $A_1$ -band optical absorption which is coincident with the 633-nm-HeNe laser wavelength. Spatial variations in the  $A_1$ -band absorption for swept quartz and for quartz subjected to ionizing radiation are correlated with the observed<sup>(1)</sup> coloration. Devices fabricated from crystalline quartz with hole-compensated aluminum impurity sites are resistant to the effects of ionizing radiation. The 2-D mapping of optical absorption is compared to electron spin resonance (ESR) measurements of aluminum impurity concentration in samples of vacuum swept cultured quartz.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES: The laser mapping of the swept quartz bar, shown in Fig.1, utilized a stabilized single longitudinal mode HeNe laser to minimize intensity variations during the measurement. A cube beam splitter divided incident laser light,  $I$ , into two beams,  $I_R$  and  $I_0$ , of approximately equal intensity. The reference laser beam intensity,  $I_0$ , was detected by a Si-PIN diode which had an integral signal preamplifier. The laser beam,  $I_0$ , was then directed onto the quartz sample at near-normal incidence to define the polarization dependent<sup>(1)</sup> interaction of the laser light with the quartz sample. The laser intensity transmitted by the sample,  $I_T$ , was detected by a second identical Si-PIN diode detector. Laser beam intensities,  $I_R$  and  $I_T$ , were alternately recorded at 1/10 second intervals.

Note that polarization of the laser light was parallel to the quartz X-Y plane and that the sample was translated in 1-mm-increments in the Z-direction (along the optic axis) by the motorized translation stage. When a single Z-scan was completed, the sample was then translated 2-mm in the Y-direction for the next Z-scan. The unfocussed laser beam diameter was ~1 mm and limited the spatial resolution to ~0.5 mm (one beam radius). During the sweeping process the E-field is normally applied parallel to the optic axis and directed toward the location of the seed in the as-grown crystal.

Values of the optical absorption coefficient,  $\alpha(I)$ , are compared to ESR measurements taken for the swept quartz samples. One sample was originally purchased from Bliley Electric Co. and the other samples were all Premium-Q grade quartz originally purchased from Sawyer Research Corp. ESR measurements determined the hole-compensated aluminum concentration at five Z-

positions for the Bliley sample. The Al-impurity levels in the Bliley sample varied from ~6-26 ppm. ESR measurements for the Sawyer samples indicated that the aluminum impurity concentration levels varied from ~0.5-0.8 ppm.

The optical absorption coefficient,  $\alpha(X)$ , can be determined from the experimental data using,

$$I_T = I_0 \times (1-R)^2 \times e^{-\alpha T}$$

where  $R$  is the calculated reflection loss for each air/quartz interface and  $T=1.7$  cm is the sample thickness. To experimentally determine  $\alpha(X)$  in terms of the signals recorded, we only require that the recorded signals  $V_R$  and  $V_T$  must be linearly proportional to laser intensities  $I_R$  and  $I_T$ , respectively. Furthermore, if we define a normalization constant  $K(t=0)=V_T/V_R$  with the sample removed (before the start of each experimental run) and recognize that the external transmission,  $T_x$ , can be found at each beam position from the signal ratio  $T_x=V_T/(K \times V_R)$ , then  $\alpha(X)$  can be determined at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  position using,

$$\alpha(X)_i = (-1/T) \times \ln[T_x/(1-R)^2] \quad (\text{in } \text{cm}^{-1})$$

where the experimental accuracy of  $T_x$  was estimated to be ±0.5%.

**EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS:** A Y-Z mapping of absorption coefficient  $\alpha(X)$  is shown in Fig. 2 for the Bliley swept quartz sample. Absorption varied between an average low value of ~0.01  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and an average peak value of ~0.22  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Darker striations, associated with absorption values exceeding the average peak value, were clearly visible to the unaided eye. If the sweeping process had been allowed to continue, the darkened region would have completed the entire distance to the  $Z=14$ -mm position.

Values of  $T_x$  for two samples of swept Premium-Q quartz were approximately twice that of a reference sample that was still in the as-grown (unswept) condition. Absorption values for the swept Premium-Q quartz were much lower (~0.015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) than the Bliley quartz absorption values.

Hole-compensated aluminum impurity concentration from the ESR measurements and  $\alpha(X)_i$  are compared in Fig. 3 for the Bliley sample. The average value for  $\alpha(X)_i$  at  $Z=10$  mm was normalized to the peak ESR value. Fig. 2 absorption coefficient data were multiplied by 19.55 at each  $Z$ -position in the figure to provide a clearer comparison. The dashed line connecting average  $\alpha(X)$  values guides the eye only.

**CONCLUSIONS:** We have demonstrated that HeNe laser light absorption can be used to map the  $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$  impurity concentration distribution in vacuum swept cultured quartz. Observation of peak  $A_1$ -band color center formation spatially corresponded with the peak concentration in aluminum-hole centers and may be useful to perform real-time monitoring of sweeping. In a similar way, we speculate that a second laser-based light source near 3-μm could be used to monitor an intermediate step in the sweeping process;  $\text{OH}^-$  compensation of the  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  impurity.

The present experimental sensitivity was limited to  $\text{Al}-\text{h}^+$  levels of ~0.1 ppm (corresponding to  $\alpha(X) \approx 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Future experiments, including possible

insitu measurements during sweeping of low impurity quartz, may require improved sensitivity. Experimental methods (2) that offer improved absorption sensitivity include multiple-pass cells (3), photothermal response to absorbed laser light, and synchronous detection techniques.

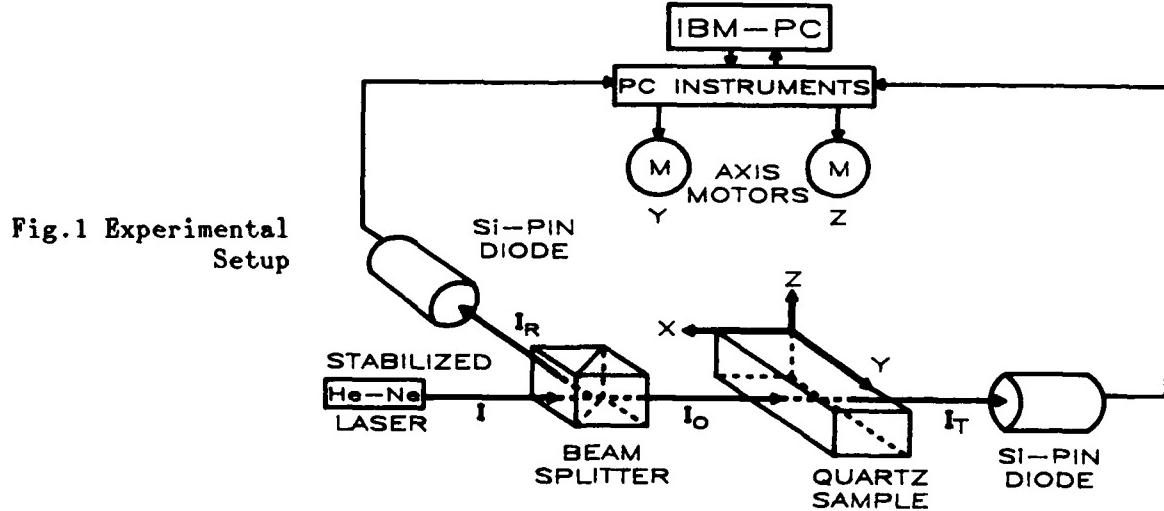


Fig.1 Experimental Setup

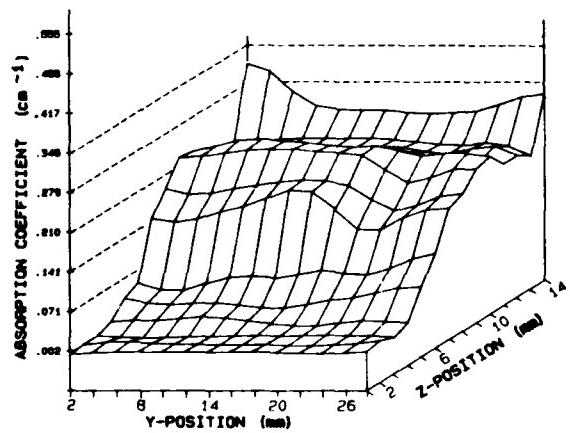


Fig.2 2-D Laser mapping of Absorption Coefficient

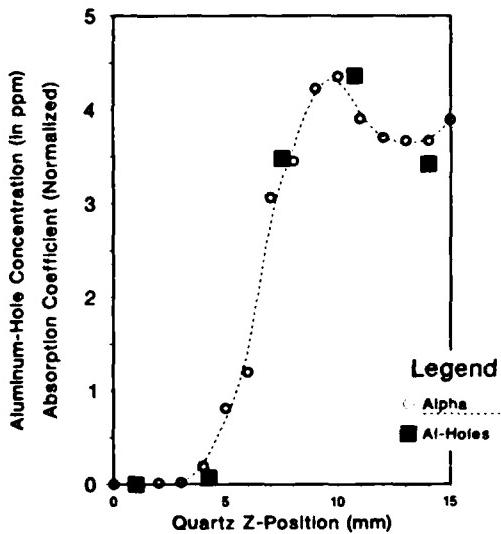


Fig.3 Al-h<sup>+</sup> concentration compared to  $\alpha(I)$  (normalized)

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**NONLINEAR PROBES AND INTERACTIONS**

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## Surface Second Harmonic Generation Spectroscopy of Oxide Surfaces

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Second harmonic generation has been established recently as a specific probe of interfacial species. On dielectric surfaces, it has been used to detect the presence, the electronic states and the average orientation of interfacial species.

We have performed a detailed analysis of the effects of the orientation distribution of a surface species upon the pattern of the macroscopic second order susceptibility tensor. Variation of the polarizations of the input and output beams and of the angle of incidence in the reflection geometry can provide useful data for the determination of the orientation distribution of interfacial species if the molecular tensor is known. Also, semi-empirical calculations have been performed to estimate the pattern of molecular tensors near two photon resonances

On materials such as  $TiO_2$  and oxide-coated silicon under vacuum conditions, the SH signal decreases significantly as desorption of surface species occurs at elevated temperatures. The adsorption of water and a variety of other molecular species has been detected as a function of the pressure and the temperature of the surface. The applicability of this method to the detection of adsorbates on crystalline and amorphous surfaces will be discussed.

The two photon resonance enhanced SHG spectrum of cinnamic acid on SiO<sub>2</sub> surfaces has been obtained at 300, 77 and 4 K. For low exposure times, only a few adsorption sites are apparent in the spectrum, and the resonance of one isolated species exhibits vibrational structure at 4 K. For long exposure times, broad features appear in the spectrum and are associated with aggregate formation. Two photon absorption leads to desorption of the more weakly bound molecules, and the relative rates of desorption for two such species have been measured.

### Surface CARS Spectroscopy with Optical Waveguides

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Using the planar optical waveguide geometry, coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering becomes a very sensitive type of vibrational spectroscopy for the study of surface structure and chemistry. The waveguide structure consists of a film (about one micron thick) of a material such as ZnO on a fused silica substrate. Laser fields can be constrained by total internal reflection such that they propagate through the film as guided waves. The concept is to perform CARS using the evanescent fields extending above the waveguide surface. The key to making this a very attractive form of surface spectroscopy is the establishment of an interference condition within the film, thereby eliminating the contribution from the vibrationally resonant or nonresonant third order susceptibility of the film itself. The remaining signal consists mainly of the signal from the surface and any surface adsorbates. With this technique, the Raman spectrum of interfacial species can be observed over the 0 to 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range under environments ranging from UHV to condensed phases.

The surfaces that can be studied with this CARS technique can be crystalline (ZnO) or amorphous ( $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ ), and they can be readily characterized by a number of standard methods. In the work to be discussed, ZnO waveguides were placed in a high vacuum chamber, heated and then exposed to various molecular species. Beams from two synchronously-pumped dye lasers were coupled into the

waveguides through SrTiO<sub>3</sub> prisms in optical contact with the film. The field at the output frequency grew as a guided wave and was coupled out through another prism. Under non-phase-matched conditions, the output was easily detectable.

The CARS spectrum of pyridine on ZnO has been interpreted in terms of sites for physisorption, hydrogen bonding and protonation. Physisorbed and three types of chemisorbed ethylene also have been detected on ZnO. Physisorbed molecular oxygen was detected at a pressure of 1 atm of O<sub>2</sub>. The adsorption and desorption kinetics have been studied for the case of ethylene on ZnO. On hydroxylated ZnO surfaces, diffusion of ethylene among some of the adsorption sites has been seen.

In general, this type of spectroscopy is applicable to studies of dielectric, semiconductor and metallic surfaces. There are also possibilities for investigations of surface relaxation and photochemical processes.

ANALYSIS OF URANIUM SOLUTIONS USING  
LASER-INDUCED BREAKDOWN SPECTROSCOPY

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SUMMARY

Measurement of the uranium content in liquid streams is important for criticality safety, process and quality control, and nuclear material accountability in nuclear fuel cycle facilities. Conventional analytical techniques such as spectrophotometry, passive gamma-ray spectroscopy, x-ray fluorescence, and densitometry are frequently unsuitable because they may be slow, require sample handling, or be subject to interference by high concentrations of fission products or neutron emitters in the solutions to be analyzed.

At Los Alamos National Laboratory, the application of laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) to the measurement of the uranium content in solutions is under investigation. This method utilizes a focused laser pulse to produce a hot spark that vaporizes the solution and generates a plasma of electrons and excited ions and neutral atoms. Spectral and temporal resolution of the plasma light permits identification of the atomic constituents.

The LIBS technique has several potential advantages compared to the conventional methods listed above. No sample handling or preparation is needed because only optical access is required to produce and observe the plasma. The

technique is fast because the laser spark simultaneously vaporizes and excites the sample. In addition, LIBS is unaffected by gamma-ray signals from high concentrations of fission products. This report presents the results of an investigation of the suitability of LIBS for analysis of uranium solutions. Topics discussed include dynamic range, precision, detection limit, and the effects of some experimental parameters on the analysis.

Powerful Nd:YAG laser pulses (15 ns, 250 mJ/pulse, 10 Hz) were focused on the surfaces of uranium solutions to create the spark plasmas. The resulting emissions were spectrally resolved with a 1/2-m grating spectrograph and detected with a time-gated photodiode array. Time resolution of the plasma signal was employed to minimize detection of the strong continuum radiation at early times after spark formation. Line strengths were measured by averaging the spectra from multiple laser sparks. Solutions of depleted uranium in 4-M nitric acid at concentrations from 0.1 to 300 g/l, a range useful for process control and monitoring were used. The spectral region from 350 to 700 nm was examined to find the most suitable emission lines for uranium determination. The strongest uranium emission free from spectral interference, the U II line at 409.0 nm, was used for most measurements.

With the laser spark formed below the surface of the solutions, no uranium signal was detected at concentrations up to 300 g/l. Formation of the spark at the liquid surface, however, resulted in a considerable improvement in detection sensitivity because of the higher temperature of the spark formed in air compared to a spark formed in the bulk solution.<sup>1,2</sup> The lower spark temperature for bulk excitation probably comes about because a large fraction of the laser energy goes into vaporization of the liquid leaving a smaller fraction for plasma formation.<sup>1</sup>

Surface excitation requires that part of the plasma be formed in the liquid and part in the atmosphere above it. For this reason, the signal strength was sensitive to the distance between the surface and the lens focusing the laser pulses. This sensitivity increased as the focal length of the lens decreased. For a 50-mm focal length lens, the distance over which the net uranium signal remained at one-half or more of its maximum value was 2.3 mm.

The net signal increased by a factor of 23 and measurement precision increased by a factor of 3.5 as the laser repetition rate was increased from 1 to 15 Hz. The increased intensity and reproducibility at 15 Hz probably results from an increase in the concentration of aerosols in the spark volume above the surface which is averaged over many sparks at the higher repetition rates.

A calibration curve of the intensity of the net 409.0-nm signal versus uranium concentration exhibits good sensitivity over the range 0.1 to 300 g/l. The detection limit for uranium was established as 0.1 g/l. The precision of the measurements, determined as the %RSD of 10 replicate measurements of the net uranium signal strength, was calculated to be 1.8% for analysis times of about three minutes (1600 sparks). Ratioing the net uranium signal to a background region adjacent to the uranium line improved the precision to 1.0% for the same measurement time.

The use of LIBS to analyze static uranium solutions at concentrations useful for process stream analysis has been demonstrated. Experiments are under way to study spectral interferences due to other materials in the stream (e.g. zirconium), the effects of industrial environment on analytical performance, and calibration methods suitable for in situ analysis.

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## OPTICAL METHODS FOR THE STUDY OF EXPLOSIVE CHEMISTRY

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## SUMMARY

An understanding of the reaction zone in a detonating high explosive (HE) requires characterization of both the mechanical response of the material and the chemical reaction mechanisms that control the rate at which the HE is consumed. Moreover, the detailed chemistry is clearly a contributing factor in the shock-initiation of energetic materials. Although a considerable body of empirical knowledge on shock sensitivity and explosive performance is presently available, practically no information exists regarding the important microscopic physical and chemical processes. Much additional insight into these processes is needed for the development of predictive capabilities in the areas of initiation and performance. In this paper, we discuss the application of several optical diagnostic methods for the study of explosive chemistry. We have emphasized techniques which provide good spatial and temporal resolution and are applicable to "single-shot" measurements on pressed, polycrystalline samples of widely used HEs. These techniques include electronic fast-framing photography, time-resolved emission spectroscopy, single-pulse Raman scattering and time-resolved infrared spectral photography (TRISP).

We have observed significant differences in the characteristic visible emission between oxygen-balanced and fuel-rich explosives. The emission from propagating detonation waves in fuel-rich explosives (e.g., hexanitroazobenzene, HNAB, and hexanitrostilbene, HNS) contains band structure attributable to CN(B), C<sub>2</sub>(d) and probably NO<sub>2</sub>(A). For HNS, the CN(B-X) system near 388 nm has been studied at a wavelength resolution of 0.05 nm. We have observed band intensities indicative of substantially incomplete equilibration of vibrational and rotational modes of the emitting CN for light generated before (i.e., scattered out of the pressed granular material) and light coincident with detonation wave arrival at the free surface. Emission in this temporal region appears to be associated with void collapse in the compressed material. At slightly later times, CN(B-X) band intensities consistent with a single rotational and vibrational temperature are observed. Boltzmann temperatures have been calculated by comparing the experimental data with computer-simulated spectra. Best fits to the observed spectra indicate temperatures of the emitting CN(B) at  $5000 \pm 200$  K and  $6500 \pm 400$  K from detonating HNS at densities of  $1.70 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  and  $1.50 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ , respectively. Data from HNS pressed to two intermediate densities gave temperatures between these values, following a trend of increasing temperature with decreasing initial charge density.

In previous studies, we have shown<sup>1,2</sup> that excellent single-pulse spontaneous Raman spectra can be obtained from the

surface of many unshocked explosive samples and that Raman scattering methods can be used to monitor the depletion rate of the parent molecule in a detonating explosive. In the case of pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), the observed monotonic attenuation of parent molecule Raman scattering intensity over a 100 ns interval is consistent with previously obtained experimental and theoretical determinations of global reaction times for high-density PETN and other explosives.<sup>3-5</sup> In more recent studies, we have observed Raman scattering from a common transient chemical species in detonating 1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetraazacyclooctane (HMX) and 1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazacyclohexane (RDX). The measured Raman shift (near 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for this transient feature is consistent with formation of a nitrile species.

TRISP allows the acquisition of "single-shot" infrared absorption spectra over a 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral region with temporal resolution of <5 ns. Hence, this technique provides excellent sensitivity for real-time detection of transient species and reaction products in low concentration. We have used TRISP to examine early gas-phase products of detonation. In the case of detonating RDX, we have observed transient absorption in the OH-stretching region (likely due to rapid formation of H<sub>2</sub>O). Ongoing experiments using TRISP to study chemical changes in shock-loaded liquid nitromethane will also be discussed.

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**LASER DIAGNOSTICS OF GAS-PHASE  
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## Laser Spectroscopy of Chemical Vapor Deposition

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### Summary

Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) is an important industrial process used to deposit solid films for protective coatings and microelectronic applications. The CVD processes used in the fabrication of microelectronic devices are becoming more complex, and higher demands are being made on the resulting films. A fundamental understanding of the chemistry and physics of CVD may help meet future process control requirements, and could lead to novel deposition methods.

We are pursuing a coordinated experimental and theoretical program to investigate the fundamental mechanisms of CVD. The experimental part of our program involves the use of laser spectroscopic techniques for *in situ* measurements of the gas phase in a research CVD reactor. The theoretical part of the program consists of modeling of the coupled fluid mechanics and the gas-phase chemical kinetics of silane decomposition and subsequent reactions of intermediate species. We have initially chosen to concentrate on the silane CVD system, although the techniques and principles involved are applicable to more complex systems. This paper summarizes our experimental and theoretical research

on silane CVD.

For making measurements during deposition, an ideal diagnostic technique would be non-intrusive, selective, sensitive enough to measure species present at sub-Torr partial pressures, general, and quantitative. Good spatial resolution is also necessary for measurements in the strong temperature and chemical species gradients present in CVD environments. Although no single technique meets all of these requirements, optical techniques satisfy many of these criteria. We have used a variety of laser spectroscopic techniques to measure gas temperatures [2] and velocities [3], densities of reactant [1,2,3] and chemical intermediate species [2,4-6], and to monitor particulates in the gas phase [3].

Laser Raman spectroscopy provides quantitative density measurements for species present at relatively high concentrations (fractions of a Torr), as well as the determination of local gas temperatures. This technique is general, selective, and reasonably sensitive. The spatial resolution is determined by the size of the focused laser beam and the light-collection optics. We have used Raman spectroscopy to obtain profiles of the gas temperature [2,3] and silane density [1,2,3] as a function of position in our CVD cell.

Laser-excited fluorescence (LEF) is an extremely sensitive technique that allows the detection of gas-phase species present in low concentrations, such as highly-reactive chemical intermediates. This spectroscopic technique provides an unequivocal identification of a gas-phase species, but generally yields only relative (rather than absolute) measurements of species density. We have used this technique to monitor Si atoms [6], HSiCl [4] and Si<sub>2</sub> [2,5] molecules during deposition.

The theoretical part of the program consists of detailed computer modeling [7-9] of the coupled fluid mechanics and the gas-phase chemical kinetics in a CVD reactor. The

model solves the boundary layer equations coupled to chemical species continuity equations describing chemical reactions and transport.

The chemical kinetics portion of the model consists of 27 reversible elementary reactions that describe the gas-phase decomposition of silane and subsequent reactions of intermediate species [8]. A single set of transport data and rate constants are used for all conditions.

We have made many comparisons between predictions of the model and our laser-based measurements [2,6]. In general, the agreement between the predictions of our model and our experimental results over a wide variety of conditions is very good. This indicates that fluid mechanics and gas-phase chemical kinetics are important to a fundamental understanding of silicon CVD. Laser diagnostic techniques provide valuable characterization of the gas-phase chemistry and fluid flow in a CVD reactor. In addition, our model supplies a theoretical framework for explaining the chemical origins that give rise to the experimental observations.

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## Analysis of the Chemical Vapor Deposition of silicon by Intracavity Laser

### Spectroscopy

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### Introduction

Both the analysis and control of chemical vapor deposition (CVD) processes, are greatly aided by the availability of experimental methods for monitoring the gas phase precursors of the depositing material. The real time, *in situ* detection of intermediate reaction species is an almost essential element in studies directed at understanding the fundamental chemistry and physics of CVD processes. Such studies also can have a major impact on CVD processing practices.

Laser induced fluorescence (LIF) has been the technique of choice for the detection of transient reaction intermediates because of its significantly greater sensitivity than conventional absorption spectroscopy. Since many species do not emit in all environments, however, absorption spectroscopy can be more effective in providing information on the quantitative concentrations of and energy distribution within transient species if its detection sensitivity is significantly enhanced.

Techniques based on intracavity laser spectroscopy (ILS) which increase the detection sensitivity of absorption by as much as six orders of magnitude over conventional absorption spectrometry have been developed by Atkinson and others [1]. The enhanced sensitivity derives from the competition between the gain in the laser medium and the wavelength-dependent losses within the laser resonator. By placing the species of interest inside the optical resonator cavity of a longitudinally multimode laser, the absorption spectrum of the intracavity atomic or molecular species is superimposed on the wavelength-dispersed spectrum of the laser output.

### Experimental

The ILS laser system is shown schematically in Figure 1. A modified dye laser (Coherent 590) is pumped by an argon ion laser (Coherent I-53-8). The pumping radiation is attenuated as a function of time (33 Hz) by passing it through an acousto-optic modulator (AOM1). AOM1 diverts enough pump power to prevent the dye laser from reaching threshold conditions. When AOM1 is switched off, the pump laser brings the dye laser rapidly above threshold ( $\sim 0.15 \mu s$ ). The dye laser output passes through a second acousto-optic modulator (AOM2) which, on operation, ( $\sim 0.15 \mu s$ ) deflects part of the dye laser output to the spectrometer. The wavelength-dispersed radiation exiting the spectrometer is focused onto the face of an intensified vidicon camera. Such multichannel detection makes it feasible to monitor substantial portions of the rovibronic absorption spectrum of the intracavity species in real time.

The period of time during which the dye laser operates above threshold and AOM2 remains open determines the generation time,  $t_g$ , of the ILS laser system [2]. It has been shown that the intracavity absorption obeys a Beer-Lambert relationship with the equivalent pathlength of absorption,  $L_{eq}$ , given by  $L_{eq} = R \cdot t_g \cdot c$  where R is the ratio of the pathlength of the laser through the intracavity absorber to the length of the laser resonator cavity and c is

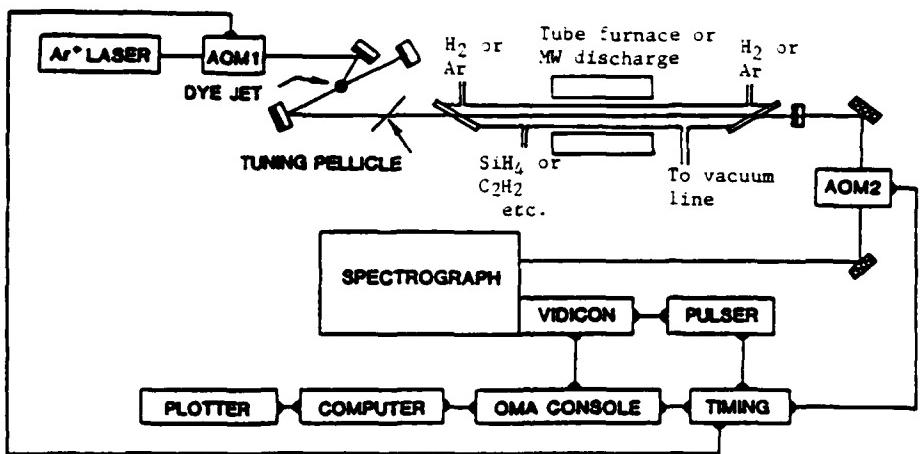


Figure 1: Instrumentation used for intracavity laser spectroscopy of gaseous species produced in the pyrolytic and/or microwave discharge decomposition of silane, organosilanes and acetylene. See text for details.

the velocity of light. For the results presented here,  $L_{eq}$  was in the range of 3-8 km.

The wavelength of the ILS dye laser is controlled by angle tuning an intracavity pellicle. The spectral bandwidth of the dye laser is 0.8 nm (22  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and the overall spectral resolution of the detection system is about 95000 (0.18  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The spectra presented here are a composite of a number of individual spectra obtained from overlapping wavelength regions.

Contained within the 1 m long cavity of the dye laser is the sample cell. It is equipped with 0.5 inch thick, fused-silica windows positioned at Brewster's angle. During the CVD process, these windows are continuously flushed with hydrogen or argon to prevent contamination by any particulate products of the decomposition which would render the cell windows opaque to the transmission of the laser radiation. The sample cell is modular in design consisting of sections of quartz tubing joined together using stainless steel fittings (Cajon Ultra-Torr). Decomposition of the silane or organosilane source material in the intracavity cell is accomplished by (1) a microwave discharge in an Evenson-Broida cavity operated at ~100 W and in a geometry concentric with the laser axis or (2) pyrolysis in an 1500 W tube furnace surrounding the central 6" section of the cell. The various silanes and the other gases used are introduced into the cell by stainless steel handling systems which include flowmeters and mass flow controllers.

In order to examine resulting deposited films, 1/4" x 1/2" sections of oxidized (~1  $\mu\text{m}$  thick) silicon wafer are placed inside the decomposition zone of the intracavity CVD cell. The surface composition of the films resulting from the various silane and organosilane decomposition processes are examined by XPS analysis.

### Results and Discussion

We have previously reported the ILS detection of silylene ( $\text{SiH}_2$ ) in the microwave discharge decomposition of silane in argon [3]. Electronically excited argon and  $\text{H}_2$  species are observed also under these conditions. Different concentrations of  $\text{SiH}_2$  are observed by ILS in the microwave discharge decomposition of phenylsilane, ethylsilane and ethyltrichlorosilane

under similar experimental conditions. Since several studies [4] have indicated that SiH<sub>2</sub> is a dominant precursor to Si and  $\alpha$ -Si-H deposition, its detection is of special importance in examining source materials for the preparation of silicon.

Figure 2 shows a section of the ILS spectrum observed during the pyrolysis of silane at 750° and with a total pressure of 6.2 Torr in a 1:1 mix with H<sub>2</sub>. The wavelength region is within the (0,2,0)-(0,0,0) vibronic band in the A-X transition of SiH<sub>2</sub>. Almost all the absorption features in this spectrum are due to known transitions of SiH<sub>2</sub>. Spectra in this wavelength region also have been obtained during the pyrolysis of a number of organosilanes. Different relative intensities of SiH<sub>2</sub> absorption transitions are observed under similar pyrolysis conditions. For example, more intense SiH<sub>2</sub> absorptions can be observed in the pyrolysis of ethylsilane than in the pyrolysis of silane.

### *ILS spectrum of silane pyrolysis*

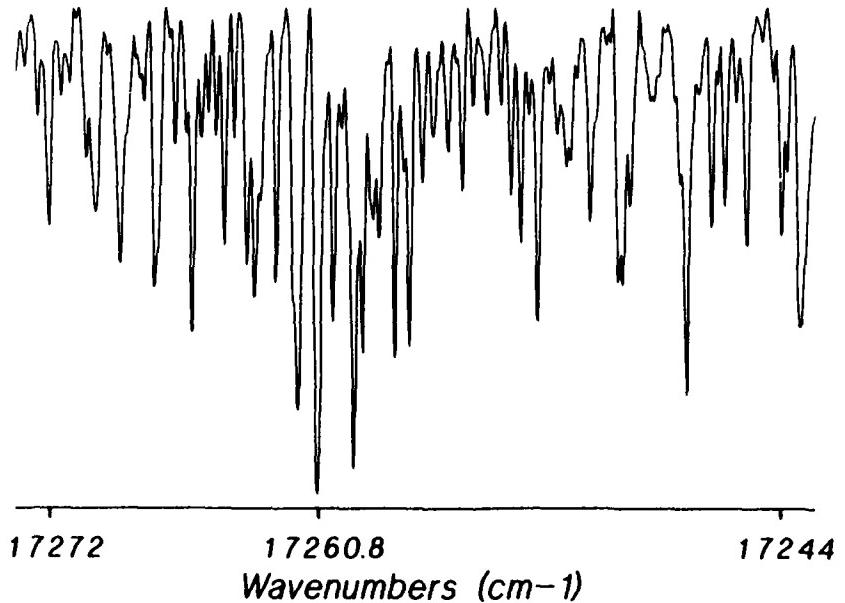


Figure 2: ILS spectrum of a silane pyrolysis at 750°C in the region of the (020)'-(000)" vibronic band of SiH<sub>2</sub> near 579 nm. See text for details.

A primary obstacle to the use of organosilanes for the CVD of silicon is the seemingly inevitable incorporation of carbon in the resulting silicon films. It is thought that carbon deposition under these conditions occurs via a polymeric process [5]. As a consequence, the radical C<sub>2</sub> is a possible gas phase precursor to carbon incorporation in the films. Figure 3 shows a section of the ILS spectrum obtained of the microwave discharge decomposition of 0.1 Torr of acetylene in 0.8 Torr of argon in the region of the 3-5 band head of the C<sub>2</sub> Swan system [6]. Transitions due to electronically excited H<sub>2</sub> [7] and argon are also observed. A very similar spectrum is observed from the microwave discharge decomposition of ethylsilane. This wavelength region (~600 nm) also is the region of some of the rotational lines of the (0,1,0)-(0,0,0) vibronic band in the A-X transition of SiH<sub>2</sub>. Many lines in the 600 nm region that can be attributed to SiH<sub>2</sub> [8] are observed in the pyrolysis of ethylsilane whereas only the strongest SiH<sub>2</sub> lines of this region are clearly

evident in the ILS spectra obtained during silane pyrolyses. There are many potential spectral overlaps of  $C_2$  and  $SiH_2$  transitions in the 600 nm region, however, and currently it remains difficult to determine if  $C_2$  transitions also are contributing to the spectra observed during the pyrolysis of ethylsilane.

### ILS spectrum of acetylene microwave discharge

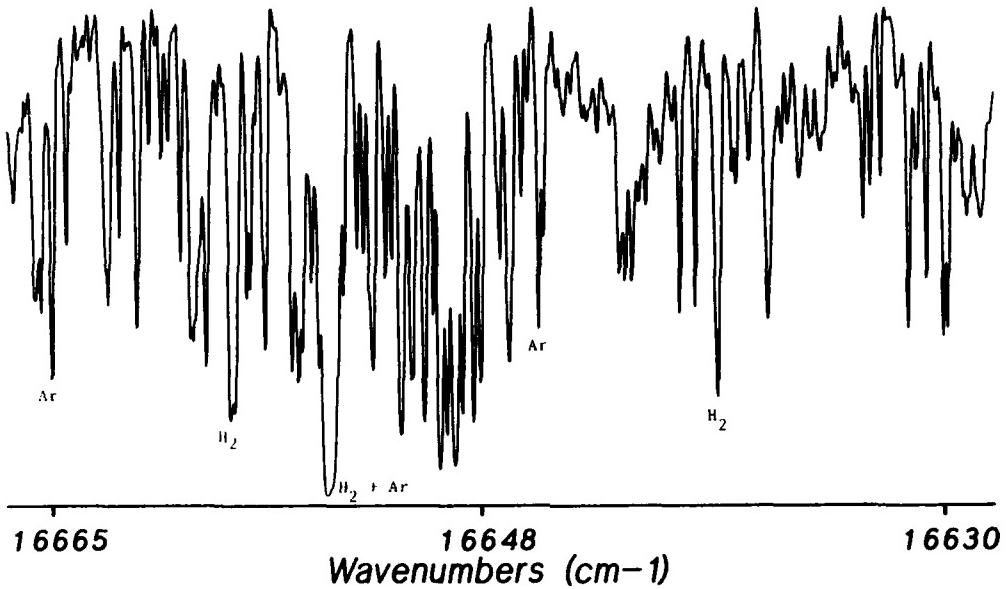


Figure 3: ILS spectrum of an acetylene microwave discharge in the region of the 3-5 band head of the  $C_2$  Swan system. Strong transitions due to presence of excited state  $H_2$  and Ar are indicated. See text for details.

The XPS analyses of silicon films produced in this work indicate that, while films grown from the pyrolysis of silane are essentially pure crystalline silicon, those films grown from organosilanes such as ethylsilane contain carbon. The ILS technique is being used as a method for the real-time, *in situ* monitoring of  $SiH_2$  concentrations. This serves as a guide to the selection of processing conditions that minimize the carbon content of the deposited silicon films.

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HIGH FREQUENCY OPTICAL HETERODYNE SPECTROSCOPY  
WITH LEAD-SALT SEMICONDUCTOR DIODE LASERS

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Absorption spectroscopy with lasers has traditionally been limited in sensitivity by noise intrinsic to the laser source. Numerous methods of surmounting this limitation using various forms of sample and source modulation have been proposed and demonstrated. One technique in particular, familiar to most users of lead-salt diode lasers, incorporates low-frequency wavelength modulation of the laser source and detection at either the first or second harmonics of the modulating waveform. Although this technique has been used successfully to measure weak absorptions, it remains fundamentally limited by diode laser amplitude fluctuations because the signal is detected in a frequency regime where the lasers exhibit considerable excess noise. Although the high frequency noise characteristics of lead-salt diode lasers are complex,<sup>1,2</sup> one expects their excess noise power to drop considerably at frequencies larger than the intrinsic laser linewidth. Hence, diode laser frequency modulation at radio-frequencies should offer greater immunity to laser noise and consequently a higher sensitivity to absorption than can be obtained with conventional low frequency techniques.

Optical heterodyne or frequency modulation (FM) spectroscopy with radio-frequency (rf) modulated laser light was first reported in 1980 and demonstrated using single-mode organic dye lasers.<sup>3</sup> Since this technique is insensitive to laser excess noise, it is in principle limited only by the quantum-noise in the laser carrier and sidebands. In the years since this initial demonstration, much of the work in FM spectroscopy has been concentrated in the visible spectral region, where much progress has been made. However it is clear that the main application of these techniques is in the infrared spectral region where absorption is essentially the only spectroscopic method and where most neutral molecules, molecular ions, and radicals exhibit strong and characteristic rotation-vibration spectra. Indeed, FM spectroscopy has recently been demonstrated in the IR using both carbon-dioxide lasers<sup>4</sup> and semiconductor lead-salt diode lasers.<sup>5</sup> The implementation of these techniques with lead-salt diode lasers is particularly interesting because they are a standard IR spectroscopic source and they can be directly modulated at high frequency.

Absorption spectroscopy with frequency modulated diode laser light can be implemented in several ways. In one scheme the laser is modulated at a single frequency and both in-phase and quadrature signals

are recovered at either the first or second harmonics<sup>6</sup> of the modulation frequency. This, however, requires a photodetector of relatively broad-bandwidth which may pose a significant problem in the IR, especially if one must use modulation frequencies of several hundred MHz to several GHz. An alternative scheme that relaxes the constraints on the detector bandwidth is to use two-tone modulation<sup>7</sup> of the diode laser. In this method the laser is modulated simultaneously at two arbitrary but closely spaced frequencies, and the beat tone between these two frequencies is monitored as the laser carrier and associated sidebands are tuned through an absorption line. The two-tone beat frequency is chosen for convenience to lie within the passband of the available detector, but it must remain high enough to lie in the low-noise region of the laser.

Two-tone frequency modulation spectroscopy with a tunable lead-salt diode laser has recently been demonstrated at high sensitivity using the experimental arrangement illustrated schematically in Figure 1.<sup>8</sup> We report here the results of subsequent experiments performed at higher modulation frequencies. The diode was driven by two distinct but closely spaced rf components,  $v_m \pm 1/2 \Omega$ . In these experiments,  $v_m$  typically ranged from 110 MHz to 1.1 GHz with  $\Omega$  fixed at 1.4 MHz. The rf modulated light was directed through an absorption cell containing NH<sub>3</sub> gas and then onto a HgCdTe photoconductor. The detector photocurrent Fourier component at the two-tone beat frequency  $\Omega$  was monitored as the laser carrier and sidebands were tuned through a pair of NH<sub>3</sub> absorption lines in the 930 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. The signals typically recovered are illustrated in Figure 2 for various modulation frequencies  $v_m$ . Notice that for modulation frequencies comparable to the Doppler width of the NH<sub>3</sub> line (83 MHz FWHM) the two-tone signals resemble a second derivative of the absorption line. However as the modulation frequency is increased the negative peaks begin to separate from the central positive peak, becoming quite distinct at the highest frequencies. Also note the signal baseline curvature increases with modulation frequency. This results from an etalon formed by the salt windows of the gas absorption cell.

A prominent feature of the two-tone spectra in Figure 2 is the asymmetry of the negative peaks. This is a manifestation of the modulation characteristics of diode lasers. Specifically, rf modulation of diode lasers results in a light beam that is simultaneously frequency and amplitude modulated.<sup>9</sup> The FM and AM are each characterized by modulation indices  $\beta$  and  $M$  respectively. The mesa-stripe lead-salt lasers that we have examined to date operate with  $\beta/M = 10$  to 20 for radio frequency modulation. This nonzero AM index  $M$  gives rise to the asymmetry observed in the two-tone spectra. Unfortunately, it also gives rise to a non-zero background signal that fluctuates with the full amplitude noise spectrum of the diode laser and consequently limits the ultimate sensitivity of the technique. Figure 3 plots the results of a recent analysis<sup>10</sup> that shows how the minimum detectable absorption in two-tone FM spectroscopy varies with FM index  $\beta$  for several values of the AM index. Note that the ultimate detection sensitivity decreases

strongly with increasing M. Also, highest sensitivities are obtained for values of  $\beta$  approximately equal to 1.15.

To date, the highest sensitivity obtained using two-tone FM spectroscopy with lead-salt laser diodes is an absorption of  $10^{-5}$  with a 1 sec averaging time. This result was limited by the detector quantum efficiency at 1.4 MHz and the preamplifier noise level. Higher sensitivities will require improved detectors, preamplifiers, and laser structures that yield a low AM index for radio frequency modulation. This latter point is an important consideration in view of the results plotted in Figure 3 and the fact that the high frequency modulation characteristics of AlGaAs diode lasers are known to depend on device structure.<sup>9</sup> Specifically it has been found that certain device structures favor a low AM index. The extent to which some of these advanced laser structures can be incorporated into lead-salt laser technology is currently an open question. However the fact that cleave-coupled-cavity lead-salt diodes have been successfully fabricated<sup>11</sup> and that single-quantum-well devices are on the horizon leave one optimistic about the future.

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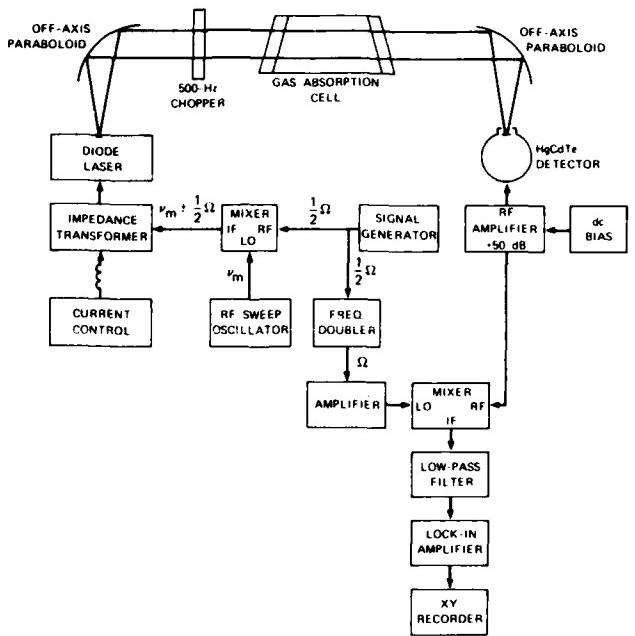


Figure 1 Experimental Arrangement for Two-Tone Optical Heterodyne Spectroscopy with Tunable Lead-Salt Diode Lasers.

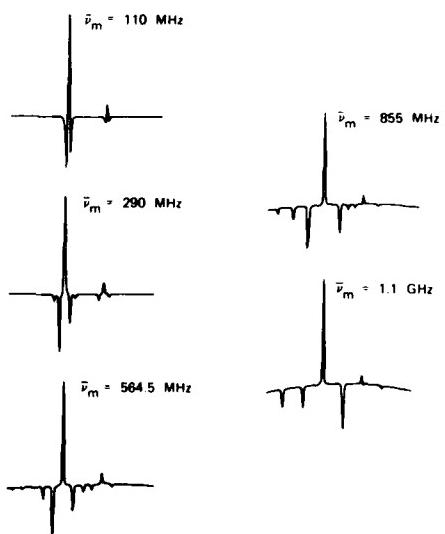


Figure 2 Experimental Two-Tone Spectra from a Pair of Doppler-Broadened  $\text{NH}_3$  Lines.

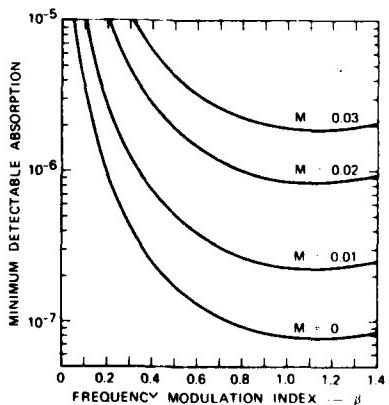


Figure 3 Dependence of Minimum Detectable Absorption on FM Index for Various Values of AM Index.

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**LASER DIAGNOSTICS OF GAS-PHASE  
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## Laser Diagnostics of Radio Frequency Discharges

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### I. Abstract

Recent applications of laser spectroscopy to the study of plasma and plasma-surface processes are reviewed. Using laser-induced fluorescence and optogalvanic spectroscopy, measurements of concentration gradients, reaction probabilities, electric fields, and process end-points have helped to elucidate plasma-chemical mechanisms.

### II. Introduction

Radio frequency plasmas are used throughout the microelectronics industry to etch and deposit thin films in very large scale integrated circuit fabrication.<sup>(1)</sup> For this reason, it is desirable to develop new diagnostic methods that provide additional insight into and control of the myriad of non-equilibrium processes that occur in a plasma reactor.

In this talk, recent applications of laser spectroscopy to the monitoring of rf discharge processes will be discussed.<sup>(2)</sup> Laser-induced fluorescence has been shown to be a useful means for monitoring reactive neutral and ion densities,<sup>(3-13)</sup> electric field magnitudes,<sup>(14-19)</sup> and process end-points.<sup>(20)</sup> Optogalvanic spectroscopy has been useful in the detection of positive<sup>(21)</sup> and negative ions,<sup>(22-27)</sup> metastable states,<sup>(28-30)</sup> and electric fields.<sup>(31-34)</sup>

### III. Concentration Measurements

Utilizing the inherently high spatial resolution of one and two photon laser-induced fluorescence spectroscopy, concentration gradients have been measured for ions at the plasma-sheath boundary<sup>(3,4)</sup> and for neutrals at reactive surfaces.<sup>(10,11,20)</sup> The former measurement provides information on the mechanisms for extraction of ions from the plasma and is important for understanding ion-modified surface reactions. The latter measurement provides information on the surface loss rate of reactant atoms and molecules and is important for understanding neutral surface chemistry.

Complementary information can be obtained by making time-resolved concentration measurements.<sup>(3,35)</sup> Because the applied field in an rf discharge is time-varying, the formation rates for ions and neutrals can also be time-varying. By synchronously firing a dye laser and detecting laser-induced fluorescence, effective lifetimes can be determined from the density modulation and phase shift. Different lifetimes can be expected for ions and reactants in different portions of the discharge. For example, an ion accelerated by the large sheath field will have a different reaction or charge exchange probability than the same ion in the weak field plasma. Similarly, neutrals will exhibit a shorter lifetime near a reactive surface than in the homogeneous plasma.

#### IV. Electric Field Measurements

Recently, optogalvanic and laser-induced fluorescence detection schemes have been employed in determining the magnitude of sheath electric fields.<sup>(14-19,31-35)</sup> These measurements are perhaps the most important for understanding the discharge structure and charged particle transport. They also permit detailed comparisons with self-consistent plasma theories. The fields in electropositive dc discharges have been found to vary linearly with position.<sup>(31-34)</sup> However, the fields in electronegative dc and rf discharges depart substantially from a linear form and, because of the presence of negative ions, occasionally exhibit maxima and minima (*i.e.* double layers).<sup>(27,36)</sup>

#### V. Negative Ion Measurements

Negative ion densities can be measured by photodetachment of electrons.<sup>(22-27)</sup> The transient increase in electron density can be monitored using microwave interferometry, electrostatic probes, or optogalvanic detection. Recently, laser-induced fluorescence from the neutral created by photodetachment has also been reported.<sup>(20)</sup> These experiments have led to greater understanding of the formation and loss mechanisms of negative ions in glow discharges and the effects that negative ions have on plasma and sheath electrodynamics. From the sign of the optogalvanic signal resulting from photodetachment, the direction of the electric field can be deduced.<sup>(27)</sup> In low frequency plasmas, the field is sometimes directed away from the electrode so that negative ions and electrons bombard device surfaces.

#### VI. Diagnostic Wish List

Despite recent advances in understanding there are many technological problems remaining to be addressed. Foremost among these is *in situ* surface analysis to evaluate the extent of surface damage and contamination. Another area for future development is improving sensitivity and resolution so that concentration and field gradients can be measured near or inside sub-micron surface features. These and other needs will be discussed briefly.

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**Quantum-Resolved Gas-Surface Scattering:  
 $\text{NH}_3$  from Au (111)**

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**Summary**

We have measured angular, velocity, and quantum-state distributions for ammonia molecules scattered from a gold (111) single crystal for a number of surface temperatures and incident beam energies. A molecular beam source produces a well-collimated, rotationally cold ( $\sim 15$  K) beam of  $\text{NH}_3$  molecules with a narrow dispersion of translational energy ( $\sim 10\%$ ). The molecular beam impinges on an atomically clean, single crystal of gold (111) and the scattered  $\text{NH}_3$  is detected in a quantum-resolved manner using two-photon resonant, three-photon ionization [1].

The scattered angular distributions are sharply peaked about the specular angle, in contrast to the broad distributions observed in our earlier studies of  $\text{NH}_3$  scattering from  $\text{NH}_3$ -saturated W (100) [2]. The final velocity distributions indicate a non-equilibrated mean translational energy, which is highly dependent on the incident beam kinetic energy. The mean scattered energy is up to five times that expected if this degree of freedom were fully accommodated with the surface. These observations are indicative of a direct-inelastic

scattering mechanism in which the molecules do not reside on the surface long enough to become equilibrated with it.

Further information about the ammonia-gold interaction is contained in the internal state distributions of the scattered molecules. The rotational state distributions of the scattered molecules were found to be strongly dependent on beam kinetic energy. These distributions are markedly non-Boltzmann and indicate that the population in the ground state is preferentially scattered into the lowest K states; these are states in which the molecule is tumbling normal to the symmetry axis as opposed to spinning about it. Since ammonia is an oblate symmetric top, these states are the energetically least favored for a given angular momentum. The observed rotational state distribution is thus indicative of a dynamical rather than a thermal effect. Such an anomalous rotational distribution suggests the importance of the long-range dipole-image dipole and dispersion interactions and/or the short range chemical attraction which have strong polar dependences but little or no azimuthal dependence.

We have observed up to three quanta of vibrational excitation in the umbrella mode of the scattered ammonia molecule. The degree of vibrational excitation scales strongly with the normal component of incident beam kinetic energy and is insensitive to surface temperature. At the highest incident beam energy employed (0.4 eV), roughly 3% of the scattered NH<sub>3</sub> has three quanta of vibrational excitation. This degree of excitation is roughly 1000 times greater than expected if the NH<sub>3</sub> were thermally equilibrated with the surface.

In order to explain the experimental observations, we have developed a classical trajectory code for the scattering of a rigid, nonlinear molecule from a rigid, flat gold surface. Our classical trajectory calculations predict the propensity for tumbling vs. spinning seen

experimentally. The distribution of scattered molecules is markedly non-Boltzman, with the low-K states preferentially populated.

The trajectory calculations also predict that if the molecule is initially rotationless the long-range potential causes the molecule to re-orient as it approaches the surface. This causes the molecule to preferentially strike the surface with the symmetry axis perpendicular to the surface, giving rise to rotationally elastic collisions. Thus, in the collision either the nitrogen atom alone or all three hydrogen atoms hit the surface. In either case no torque is exerted about the molecule's center of mass, and thus no rotational energy is transferred to the molecule. Thus, the long-range term in the potential serves to suppress rather than enhance the rotational energy transfer.

In an attempt to explain the large degree of vibrational excitation seen experimentally, we have extended our classical trajectory model to include the "umbrella" vibrational motion in NH<sub>3</sub>. The model predicts very efficient transfer of translational energy to the umbrella vibrational mode. The vibrational excitation is predicted to scale with the normal component of incident kinetic energy, in agreement with the experimental observation.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1987**

**BALLROOM A  
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**OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF  
SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACES**

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## SUMMARY

**I. Advantages and limitations of optical characterization.**

The primary advantages of optical measurements are that they are general, convenient, nondestructive, and can yield information about dynamic systems or processes in real time and in any transparent ambient. No special sample requirements are needed other than a reflecting surface, and measurements can be made with the sample in air or in atmospheric-pressure ambients. Nondestructiveness is obviously important for the analysis of unstable materials systems such as interfaces buried under oxide overlayers, while real-time capabilities suggest useful applications in process control. A final advantage is that optical probes offer unsurpassed energy resolution, important for accurately determining compositions of semiconductor alloys.

The optical data themselves are characterized by high sensitivities to both microstructure and interface conditions. (Microstructure is used here in the usual materials science sense of spatial inhomogeneities on the length scale of 1-100 nm.) Ellipsometry in particular can easily detect submonolayer changes in layers of foreign material at surfaces and interfaces.

On the other hand, visible-near uv optical probes have a relatively small accessible wavelength range, of the order of 200 to 800 nm. As a result, compared to particle (electron and ion) spectroscopies, optical probes are very nonspecific, generally not capable of identifying individual atomic species. Lateral resolution fundamentally limited by the wavelength of light restricts many potential applications, particularly as technology moves into the submicron range. Third, optical probes do not directly measure compositions, densities, film thicknesses, or other material properties of interest: they measure optical responses such as transmittances, reflectances, etc., which must be connected to material properties by model calculations. Models introduce uncertainties by separating the investigator from the information. In addition, the construction of suitable models may require additional knowledge and/or good physical insight, and because every part of the sample to which light penetrates contributes to the measured optical response the modeling and analysis of graded or complex multilayered systems may be difficult or impossible. Finally, the evaluation of models requires a computer, good software, and an accurate database.

In short, if time and sample destruction are not considerations, there usually are better approaches to determining any specific material characteristic. But for many applications the convenience, nondestructiveness, and generality of optical analysis offers clear advantages.

## II. General remarks concerning optical characterization.

Optical characterization is a very old field that has recently undergone considerable growth primarily because of the development and fairly widespread implementation of automatic spectroellipsometers. These computer-based instruments, which bear the same relationship to spectrophotometers that impedance-measuring instruments do to wattmeters, are fast, accurate, and able to return spectral information over the entire quartz-optics range. They have not only greatly increased the available database but also our understanding of the role of microstructure in determining optical properties.

To make the optical characterization topic more understandable, particularly with respect to what optical analysis can and cannot do, it is useful to keep two elementary points in mind. The first, as mentioned above, is that optical measurements directly determine only optical properties such as reflectances, transmittances, complex reflectance ratios, etc., not the sample properties or material characteristics of interest. As this gap can only be bridged by model calculations, models are unavoidable. (We define a model as an idealized mathematical representation of an actual physical sample.) At the first level, modeling is phenomenological: the Fresnel equations are used to parameterize the measured optical properties of the sample in terms of its physical properties such as layer thicknesses and the dielectric functions of the separate layers.

The second elementary point is that the measured optical properties are macroscopic or average quantities that directly give only macroscopic or average information, even though the microstructural characteristics -- compositions, grain sizes, densities, etc. -- actually determine the macroscopic response. For materials analysis, this creates a second gap that must also be bridged by model calculations. At this level the model must specify how the microstructural parameters determine the wavelength-dependent complex dielectric function,  $\epsilon$ , that represents the material in the Fresnel expressions. While  $\epsilon$  can be calculated from first principles if we are given the detailed atomic or microstructure of a material, this presupposes the very information that we seek to obtain. Consequently, we typically assume that the sample has some simple microstructure for which the  $\epsilon$ -microstructure connection has already been established in analytic form, then use the  $\epsilon$  data to determine the parameters of the effective medium model as an approximation to the actual parameters of the material.

From the above discussion it may seem like the determination of material characteristics from optical analysis is a task restricted to the wildly optimistic, but in fact recently developed limit theorems have established rigorous, and fairly narrow, bounds on the dielectric properties of microscopically inhomogeneous materials -- even if nothing at all is known about compositions or microstructures. These

theorems are extremely useful not only for assessing the fundamental limits to what we can and cannot know about microstructure from  $\epsilon$ , but also for determining which effective medium model may best represent a given sample.

In short, the determination of material characteristics from optical data is a procedure of the inverse type, which loosely means a situation where one is given the answer and asked to find the problem. From this perspective, it is clear that the real goal of optical analysis is not to devise models that represent a given sample or to determine the parameters of a given model from optical data, but rather to demonstrate that a proposed model accurately represents a given sample to the desired level of accuracy. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to assess the capability of the model to represent data over as many different experimental conditions as possible. In practice, this is accomplished by obtaining spectral data over a wide range of wavelengths. In the same vein, one reason why ellipsometry replaced photometry as the dominant optical characterization technique (after the technology advanced to the point where spectroellipsometric measurements could be made routinely) is that ellipsometers return two pieces of information per measurement instead of one, providing further overdetermination.

While information obtained in this way is less definitive than that obtained by direct microstructural probes such as transmission electron microscopes, nevertheless the representation of microscopically complex physical systems in terms of a few macroscopic parameters is often more useful in practice. The description of a gas by the positions and velocities of its individual molecules vs. its pressure and temperature is a parallel situation to consider.

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## The Spatial Resolution and Defect Contrast of Optical Beam Induced Reflectance (OBIR) Scans

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There is substantial current interest in developing non-contact, non-destructive probes of semiconductor surfaces.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup> A major reason for this activity is that micro-structural flaws near the surface of silicon wafers generally impair the successful manufacture of integrated circuits.<sup>[6]</sup> Detrimental defects such as stacking faults, dislocations, and metallic precipitates are often 1 to 2 microns in size. Thus, a probing system would need to exhibit both high spatial resolution and contrast at defective sites.

A pump-probe laser system to satisfy these requirements has been developed. The system, named OBIR for optical beam induced reflectance, is non-destructive and operates at 20C in air. A schematic of OBIR is shown in figure 1. The wafer surface is excited by a focused pumping laser. Holes and electrons generated by the pump significantly alter the optical constants of silicon in the infrared. A second laser then probes the infrared reflectance of the photo-excited area. Recombination within electrically active defects reduces carrier concentration from levels in non-defective material. The resulting changes in infrared reflectance are then observed as dark spots on a two dimensional display as the beams are rastered over the sample.

The OBIR system combines the high sensitivity of far infrared reflectance to plasma density with a spatial resolution typical of visible light, (about 1 micron). The resolution is obtained by modulating the pump, running the probe cw, and detecting only that portion of the reflected probing beam that becomes modulated at the chopping rate of the pumping beam. In addition, the probe is incident near the Brewster angle of the un-excited wafer. This allows use of a high intensity probe without detector damage, and enhances the fraction of the reflected probe that is photo-modulated. Further, as diffusion drives carriers away from the pumping spot, the ensuing falloff in carrier density ensures that only carriers near the pumping spot contribute to the infrared signal. In summary, OBIR's sensitivity to plasma density allows for a spatially resolved 2-D mapping of carrier lifetime.

To date, the OBIR system has observed metallic precipitates, epitaxial stacking faults, oxygen precipitates, and fine surface scratches in silicon wafers. Some oxygen precipitates appear as features 0.75 micron in size. OBIR is not capable of observing photo-modulation on fine polycrystalline silicon, or on un-annealed implanted layers. This implies a higher sensitivity to damage than is possible with thermal-wave systems that monitor implant damage distributions.<sup>[2]</sup> The Drude model, with an inter-valence band contribution, can be used to calculate the optical constants of the photo-excited wafer.<sup>[7]</sup> <sup>[8]</sup> The model, coupled

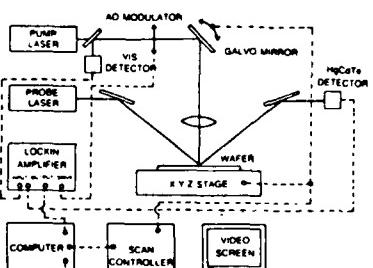
with the temperature dependence of the index of refraction,<sup>[9]</sup> clearly shows that OBIR depends on plasma, not thermal effects, at 10.6 microns. Further, sensitivity to plasma density, and therefore to recombination centers, falls off rapidly as the probing wavelength is decreased. Sensitivity to defects should therefore be considerably less if one probes in the visible, although spatial resolution is easy to obtain with visible probes.<sup>[10] [11]</sup>

Figure 2 shows the results of an OBIR scan on a MOS wafer. The defects exhibited in part b) include metallic precipitates and a fine scratch. Part a) shows that the defects were not observable with conventional microscopy before etching, and part c) demonstrates a one-to-one correlation between etch pits and the defects revealed by OBIR. Figure 3 shows two EBIC<sup>[12]</sup> scans of an adjacent piece of the same wafer from figure 2. The EBIC measurements were done with an accelerating voltage of 15-20 kv, a beam current of  $10^{-10}$  amps, and a spatial resolution of 1 micron. EBIC parameters indicate that the defects were 1/2 to 1 micron deep. Parts a) and b) of figure 3 show that OBIR and EBIC contrast profiles of prominent defects are comparable.

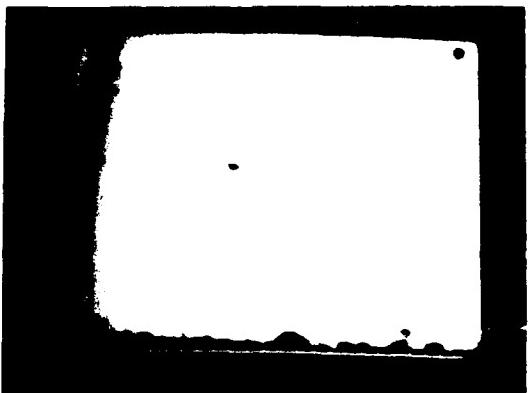
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Figure 1



**Optical Beam Induced Reflectance  
(OBIR)  
MOS Silicon Wafer**



OPTICAL  
MICROSCOPY a)  
PRE-ETCH



OBIR b)



OPTICAL  
MICROSCOPY c)  
POST-ETCH

Figure 2

## EBIC Scan and Contrast Profiles

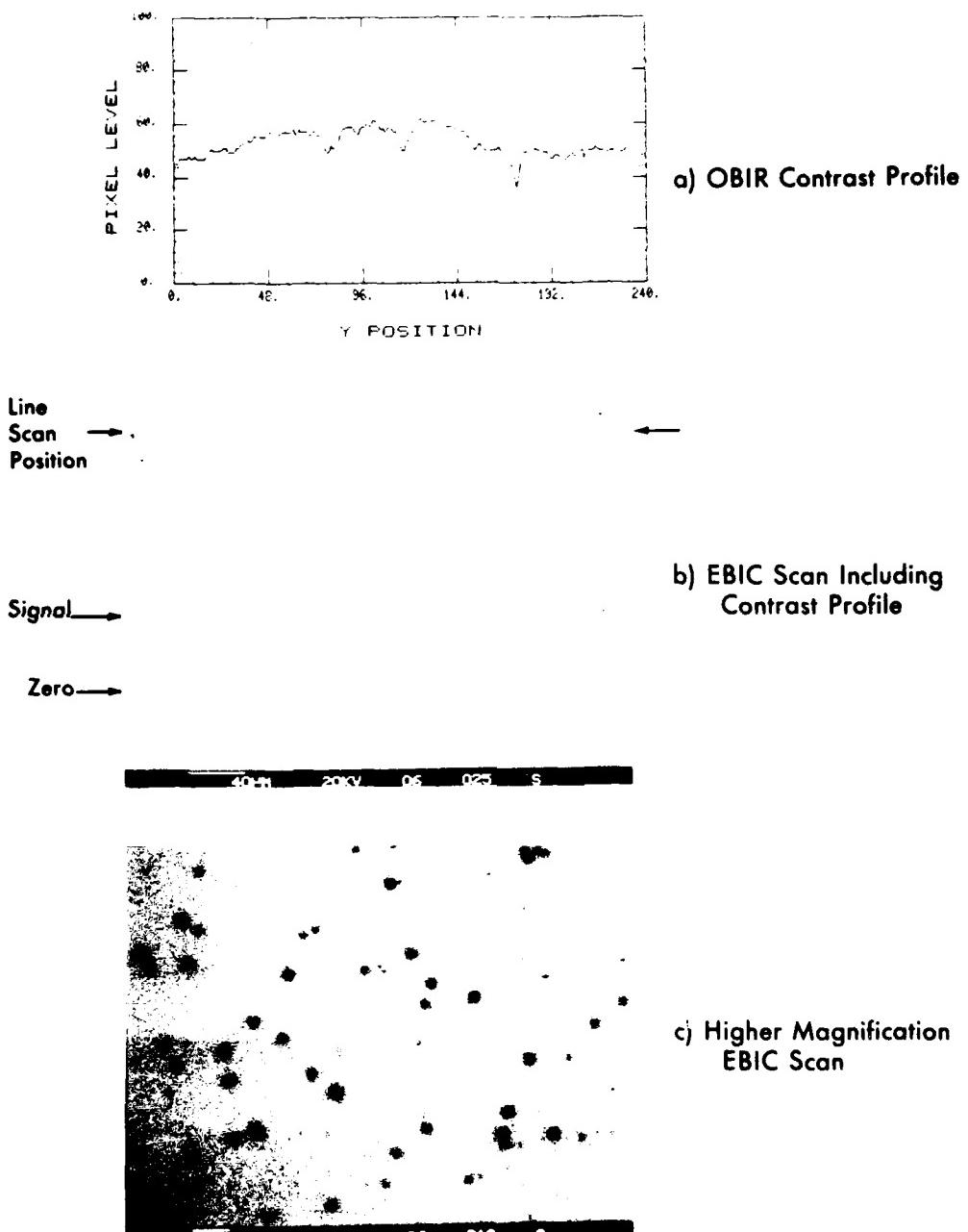


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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1987**

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**NONRADIATIVE PROBES OF ABSORPTION**

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During the past few years, thermal wave physics has been successfully applied to studies of semiconductor materials and microelectronic devices. Previously, we described how these materials and devices might be examined with thermal wave imaging.<sup>1</sup> This imaging is performed in a scanning electron microscope with a thermoelastic technique for thermal wave detection. Although this technique is a very sensitive detection method for thermal waves,<sup>2</sup> it has limited applicability for integrated circuit process control and inspection because it requires contact to a transducer and thus is potentially contaminating. Furthermore the results are often strongly dependent on difficult to control acoustic variables such as sample geometry and sample/detector coupling. To overcome these problems we have developed a noncontact thermal wave technique that can be used at the high modulation frequencies required for micron-scale resolution.<sup>3-5</sup>

When a material is excited with an intensity-modulated energy source, or pump, its optical properties can be altered by the absorption of the incident energy. This results in the sample's complex refractive index undergoing periodic variations at the modulation frequency of the pump intensity excitation. The induced changes in the sample's optical refractive index can be detected by measuring the modulated reflectance of an optical probe from the sample surface. By the use of phase-sensitive detection methods, probe beam modulated reflectances,  $\Delta R/R$ , as low as  $10^{-7}$  can be measured.<sup>3</sup>

This phenomenon, called modulated photoreflectance, was

first observed nearly thirty years ago and developed into a useful spectroscopic technique for investigating the optical properties of various materials.<sup>6</sup> These spectroscopic studies employ low intensity pump ( $< 1\text{W/cm}^2$ ) and probe ( $< 1\text{mW/cm}^2$ ) optical beams and operate at low pump intensity modulation frequencies (typically  $< 1\text{kHz}$ ). The wavelength of the probe beam is scanned and its modulated reflectance is recorded as a function of its wavelength. In most materials the modulated photoreflectance signal arises from a purely thermoreflectance effect.<sup>7</sup> That is, since the optical properties of most materials are dependent to some extent on the sample temperature, and since the temperature of the sample surface undergoes a periodic variation from the heat produced by the absorbed intensity-modulated pump beam, the reflectance of the probe beam experiences a corresponding modulation. In semiconductors, however, there are often more significant contributions to the photoreflectance signal from the free carriers that are generated by the pump beam. These contributions arise from thermal effects associated with free carrier recombination, from a free carrier Drude effect on the optical refractive index, and also from an electroreflectance effect whereby the photogenerated carriers modulate the amount of surface band bending, or surface electric field, in the semiconductor. Under the experimental conditions used for conventional photoreflectance, it has been found that the electroreflectance term is the dominant effect on the recorded signal.<sup>8</sup>

We have developed a somewhat different modulated

reflectance technique.<sup>3</sup> In this method we employ a highly focused ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$  spot size) laser beam as the pump with a typical intensity in the  $10^4$ - $10^5 \text{ W/cm}^2$  range, and we intensity-modulate the pump laser in the MHz range. In addition, the probe beam is a laser at a fixed wavelength that is usually far removed from any critical points in the sample's band structure. Our interest is not to perform optical spectroscopy as in the conventional photoreflectance method, and thus the probe wavelength is not scanned. Instead we are interested in characterizing the spatial and frequency dependence of the photogenerated thermal waves in non-semiconductors and of the photogenerated thermal and electron-hole plasma waves<sup>4</sup> in semiconductors. Our different experimental conditions produce modulated reflectance signals that, unlike conventional photoreflectance, are primarily due to the Drude effect. Using this signal we are able to detect and quantify those intrinsic and defect characteristics in the near-surface region of the sample that affect the local thermal and electrical transport properties. In particular, we have used this laser-induced modulated reflectance method for monitoring the dose and uniformity of ion implantation in Si and GaAs wafers,<sup>5</sup> for detecting and quantifying the residual damage in silicon wafers that results from chemopolishing and scrubbing processes,<sup>9</sup> and for detecting and characterizing radiation damage and contamination in silicon from reactive ion and plasma etch processes.<sup>10</sup>

In addition we have observed an interesting temporal

behavior of our modulated reflectance signal in silicon; a phenomenon that has apparently not been detected in the conventional photoreflectance experiments. We have found that this temporal behavior appears to be very useful for detecting and studying the electronic surface states in silicon that are defect or damage related.

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## Coating Thermal Transport Properties Measurement Using Thermal Diffusion Wave Interferometry

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Recently there has been an upsurge of interest in measuring the thermal transport properties of optical coating materials in thin-film format in order to determine by what amount, if any, the coating properties differ from the bulk properties. The motivation for this interest is the possibility that thermal properties may be as important as optical properties in influencing the laser-induced damage threshold.

The present work is an effort to measure the thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity of several dielectric coating materials grown by various coating deposition techniques, under various growth conditions. In addition, the determination of the thermal properties of thin metal coatings is also required because of the special sample configuration being used. Finally, the influence of the coating interfaces upon the thermal properties measurement must be determined.

The experimental approach being used is that of thermal diffusion wave interferometry. This method was employed in a feasibility study published by Swimm<sup>1</sup>, and the present implementation of that technique is based on a different photothermal detection scheme designed to allow an improvement of the system figure of merit by a factor of 40. (The figure of merit is the maximum permissible coating critical frequency, defined as the coating thermal diffusivity divided by the square of the coating thickness. This is the frequency above which thermal diffusion wave interference effects are essentially absent.)

The sample consists of a thin metal overlayer deposited on the dielectric coating under study, which is deposited on a substrate. The purpose of the metal overlayer is twofold. It forces the boundary conditions into an asymptotic limit that allows simplified theoretical analysis. This occurs because the optical depth in the metal is less than all other characteristic lengths. Secondly, the metal coating acts as a thermometer, as will be explained shortly. Operation is best understood in two stages: the generation of a thermal diffusion wave, and the detection of the resultant surface temperature variation.

The thermal diffusion wave is produced by an intensity-modulated argon-ion laser beam focused onto the metal coating. The spot size is chosen large enough to permit a one-dimensional approximation to the solution to the heat diffusion equation to be applied. The thermal diffusion wave

probes the coating, and is reflected at the coating/substrate interface if there is a discontinuity in the thermal effusivity (defined as the thermal conductivity divided by the square root of the thermal diffusivity). The sample acts as a thermal diffusion wave Fabry-Perot interferometer, where instead of the usual bright or dark spot at the center of the interference pattern, there is a hot or cold spot at the sample surface.

The temperature of the surface is monitored by means of a HeNe laser beam, using the fact that the metal coating reflectivity is temperature dependent<sup>2</sup>. Thus, the coating temperature modulation induces an intensity modulation on the probe beam. Synchronous detection provides adequate sensitivity. Signal strength of several microvolts are seen using 100 mW of pump power, at 1 kHz modulation frequency, with a 140  $\mu\text{m}$  pump beam diameter ( $\approx 1/e^2$ ).

The phase shift between the pump beam and probe beam modulation as a function of the modulation frequency constitutes the desired raw data. This data may be analyzed by adjusting two parameters in the theoretical model (the dielectric coating thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity) provided that all layer thicknesses are known, and the metal coating thermal properties have been previously characterized by identical methods. Analysis methods are a generalization of those published by Swimm<sup>1</sup>, taking account of the multiple-layer structure of the sample.

The present status of the research is that the measurement system has been assembled, and initial system calibration is in progress at the time of abstract submission. Progress achieved by the time of the conference will be reported at that time.

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PHOTOTHERMAL PROBE-BEAM DEFLECTION MEASUREMENT OF MOISTURE  
ADSORPTION ON A SILICON SURFACE UNDER ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

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Although there is much work done on thermal desorption of molecules on a solid surface /1/, most previous work was performed in vacuum or low-pressure conditions and utilized direct particle detectors (e.g. mass spectrometer). The present work examines photo-thermal desorption from a surface in atmospheric conditions utilizing a probe-beam deflection /2/ technique. This is demonstrated for an important case of adsorbed water on a silicon wafer with normal surface oxide.

The experimental arrangement is shown in Fig. 1 /2/. A nitrogen laser pulse, of pulse duration 8 nsec and pulse energy adjustable (by attenuation) up to 1 mJ, is directed onto a polished Si surface situated in a glass chamber. A gas, e.g. dry nitrogen, or nitrogen with high relative humidity at room temperature is passed into the chamber to produce a "dry" silicon surface, or a silicon surface with adsorbed water molecules respectivley. A probe beam that is focussed vertically above the pulsed laser spot is used to detect the shape of the pressure pulse produced at the Si surface. The separation between the probe beam and the Si surface is small (typically 1 mm). The observed probe-beam deflection signal is basically proportional to the spatial derivative of the pressure pulse produced at the Si surface and arriving at the probe beam location /2/.

The observed deflection signal for the cases of a Si surface that has been in a dry nitrogen atmosphere and in a moist nitrogen atmosphere (with 20 Torr water partial pressure) for more than 1 second are shown in Figs. 2 (a) and (b) respectively. We see that the signal for the "dry" case is simple and bipolar; since this is a derivative of the pressure pulse, which should thus be simply a compression pulse due to the "thermal piston" produced by photo-thermal heating of the nitrogen near the Si surface by the pulsed laser. However, the signal for the "moist" case in Fig. 2 (b) is more complicated, broader, and much larger in amplitude; this derivative signal suggests that the pressure pulse produced at the Si surface is composed of three components: (1) "thermal piston of the nitrogen gas adjacent to the Si

surface, (2) desorption of the water molecules originally on the Si surface, and (3) re-adsorption of water molecules onto the Si surface after the pulsed heating is dissipated. It is the re-adsorption of water molecules that is expected to cause the delayed positive peak in Fig. 2(b), whose magnitude is a measure of amount of adsorbed molecules, and whose delay from the earlier positive peak is a measure of the "re-adsorption time" of water molecules onto the Si surface in atmospheric conditions.

Fig. 3 shows the magnitude of the observed first peak in the deflection signal for the "dry" Si surface, and of the later peak for the "moist" Si surface for various pulsed laser energy ranging from 0.01 to 0.1 mJ. We found that in the "dry" case, the signal magnitude is linear to the laser energy, and the signal shape is constant in this photo-thermal heating range showing that the "thermal piston" effect is linear to the pulsed heating over this range. However, in the "moist" case, the delayed positive peak does not show up until beyond a certain "threshold" laser power, corresponding to the threshold energy needed for desorbing the surface water molecules. Similar effects are observed if nitrogen is replaced by argon or freon.

The magnitude of the delayed deflection signal peak in Fig. 2(b) corresponds to a beam deflection of about  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  radian; using ray optics and the refractive index of nitrogen and water, we estimate that the delayed peak corresponds to the adsorption of approximately a monolayer of water molecules on the Si surface. The delayed time interval between the two peaks suggests an "adsorption time" of several hundred nsec.

In summary, we have made a first demonstration of probe-beam deflection measurement of adsorbed water molecules on a Si surface in one atmosphere of nitrogen mixed with 20 Torr of water vapor. The desorption of water molecules by pulsed photo-thermal heating produced a characteristic delayed peak in the signal, which can be used to estimate the amount of desorbed molecules and the re-adsorption time. The behavior is observed to be very similar when the nitrogen atmosphere is replaced by oxygen, argon, helium, or freon gases at one atmosphere.

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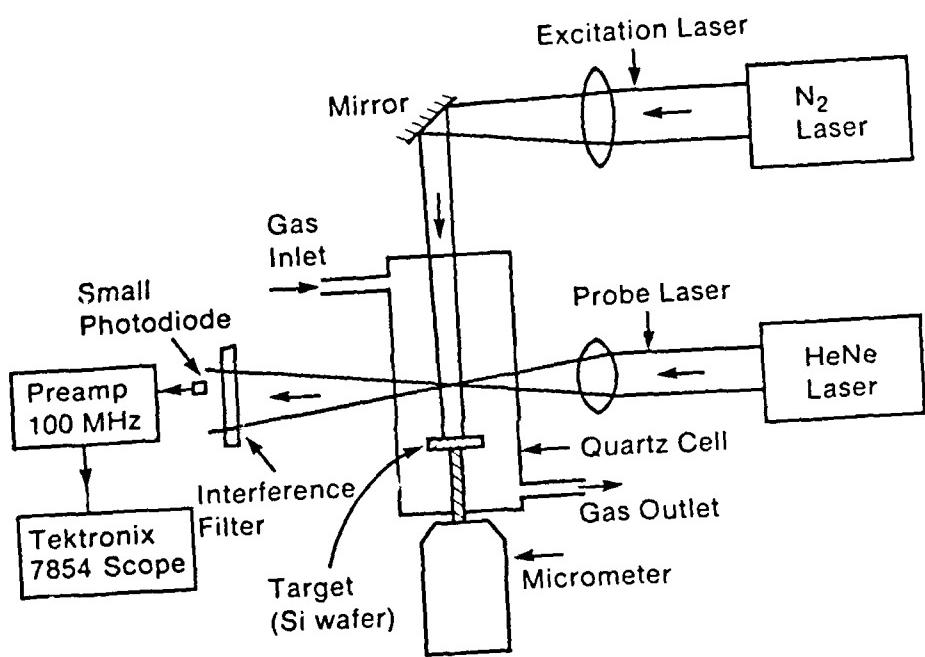


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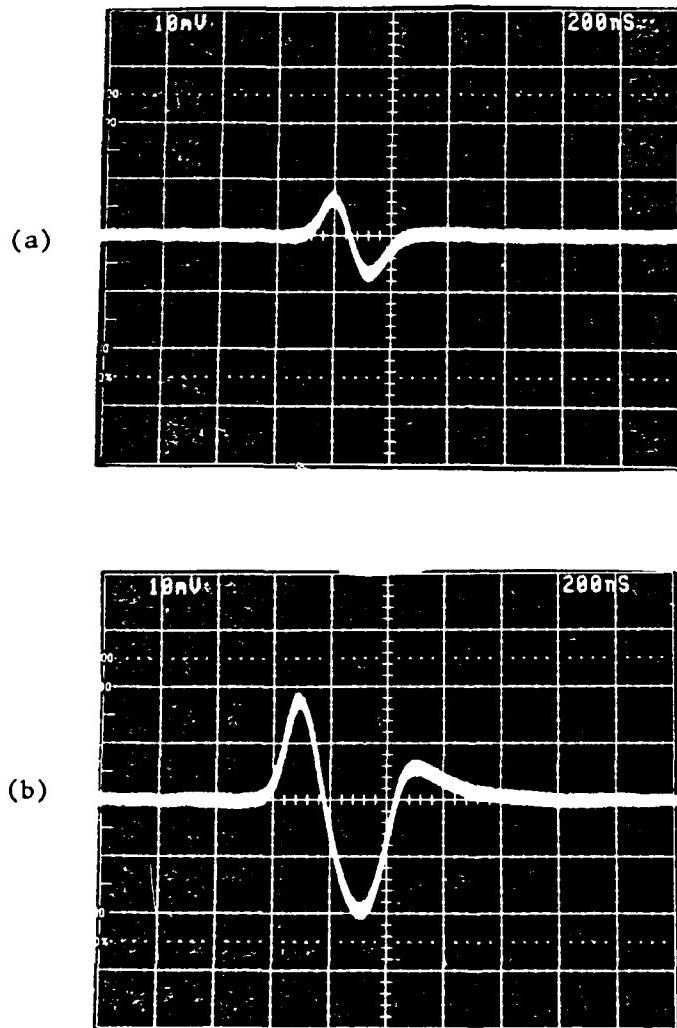


Fig. 2

Observed probe-beam deflection signal for photothermal heating of Si exposed to dry nitrogen in (a), and to nitrogen mixed with 20 Torr of water vapor in (b) in standard temperature and pressure.

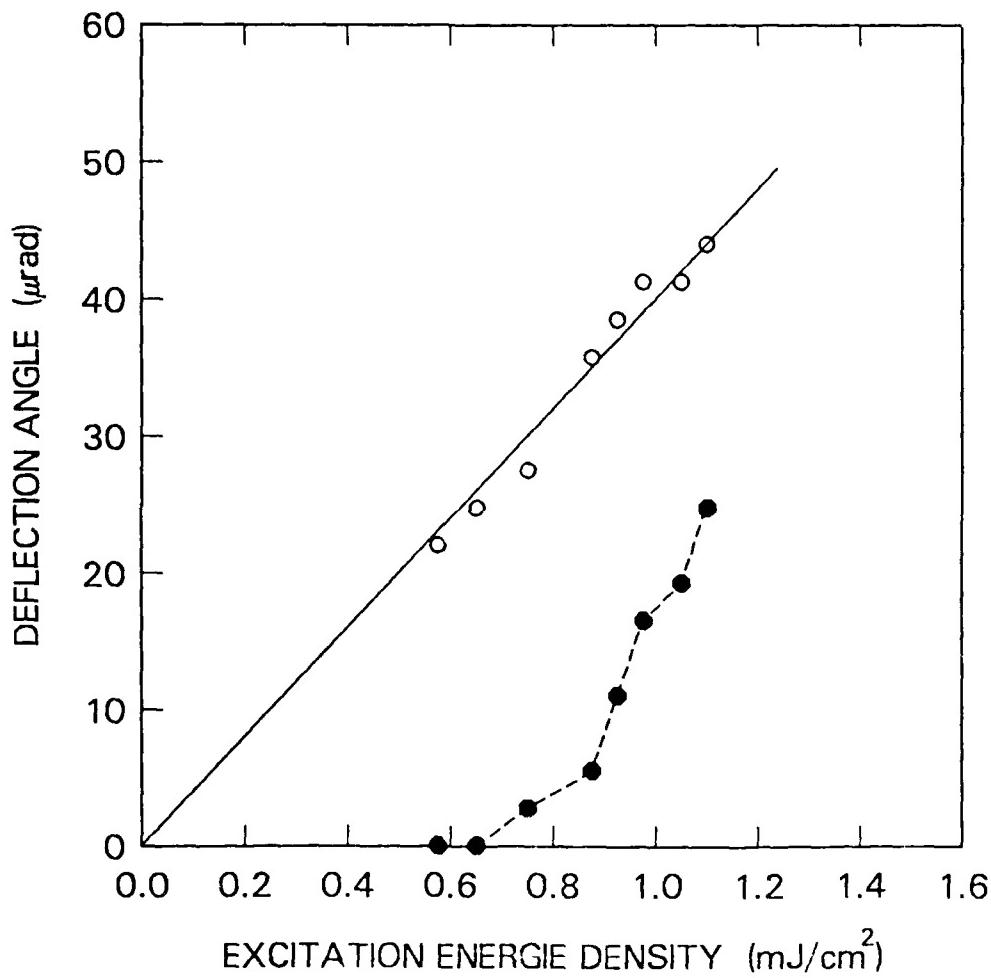


Fig. 3

Magnitude of the deflection signal for the "dry" Si surface (open circle), and the magnitude of the delayed peak in the deflection signal for the "moist" Si surface (closed circle) for various excitation pulse energy.

## MATCHED SAMPLE DIFFERENTIAL LASER CALORIMETRY

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### EXTENDED ABSTRACT

Thermocouple laser calorimetry was developed to allow absolute measurement of very small optical absorptions in materials to be used for high power laser optics. The technique involves sending a beam of light through the sample to be studied and, by means of an attached temperature sensor, measuring its change in temperature due to light energy absorption. The temperature change is measured relative to a reference object which is not exposed to the light. Sensitivities to absorptions as small as  $10^{-5}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are possible. Photoacoustic detection of the absorbed energy allows relative measurements of absorption and when calibrated against thermocouple measurements yeilds similar absolute sensitivities.

Differential absorption measurements are common in commercial spectrophotometry and have been described in certain photoacoustic studies. By studying the sample relative to a reference sample it is possible to balance out undesired effects and enable measurement of the desired quantity. In the present work we describe the adoption of a new differential technique to thermocouple laser calorimetry.

When performing standard laser calorimetry measurements with either thermocouple or photoacoustic sensing there are three crucial sources of additional signals that require attention. They are, surface absorption, direct scattering of light onto the sensor and temperature drifts between the sample and the reference due to different thermal environments. By using properly shaped, oriented and located matched samples as both the object of study and the reference it is possible to balance out all three of these problems.

Two samples , in the form of prisms (see Fig. 1) with the laser beam entering and exiting at Brewster's angle, are oriented so that the beam traverses different lengths in each sample. One thermocouple of a differential pair is attached to each sample in the same position along the sample's base or on one of its triangular sides. If the entrance and exit surfaces in both samples are identically polished any heating of the samples due to surface absorption is exactly balanced. The choice of Brewster's angle for the orientation of these surfaces also assures a minimum of reflection losses at the surfaces and, except for differences in absorption due to the different optical paths in the samples, assures that both samples see nearly the same laser power.

Scattering of light onto the temperature sensors is dominated by surface imperfections. However, this is also balanced using the matched samples. Very small scattering due to bulk imperfections can not be balanced completely because of the different path lengths within the samples.

Both samples are located close to each other and mounted identically inside the calorimeter so that they are both in the same thermal environment. This eliminates errors due to drift in the sample or reference temperature unrelated to light energy absorption.

Initial experiments using this technique are reported. Comments are made concerning its applicability to absolute absorption measurement and to the determination of trace contaminant concentrations in solids and liquids.

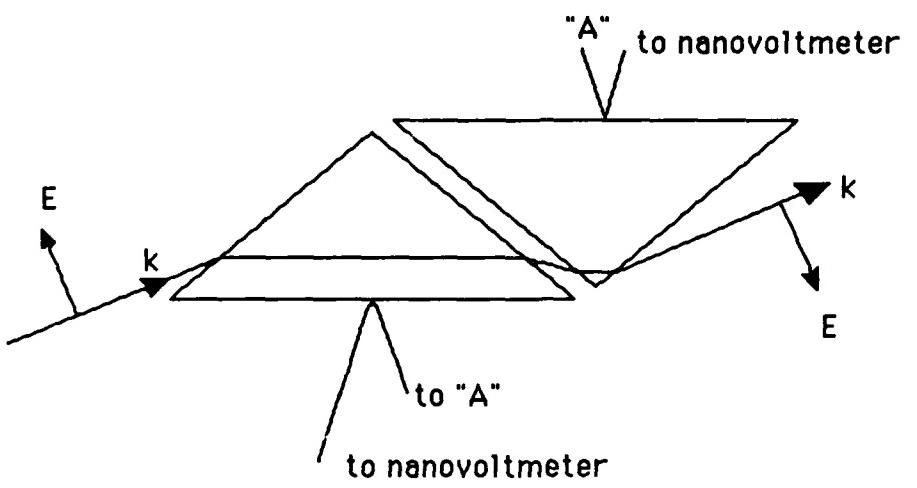


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the configuration of matched sample differential thermocouple laser calorimetry.

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In-Situ Raman Microprobe Analysis of  
Direct Laser Writing

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Summary

Raman scattering is a versatile, non-destructive diagnostic of semiconductors and other materials, which can be used either in-situ after processing has occurred or, in many circumstances, in real-time during processing. By proper selection of lasers and optical design, Raman microprobe methods may be used to investigate sample stoichiometry, doping, crystallinity, stress, and temperature with micron or sub-micron lateral and depth resolution. The use of Raman microprobe techniques to analyze microstructures made by direct laser writing and to analyze microstructures heated by localized laser irradiation is described here.

Polysilicon microstructures can be deposited on absorbing substrates by localized heating induced by a laser focused on the substrate in the presence of silane<sup>(1)</sup>. With appropriate lateral motion of the laser or the substrate, arbitrary microstructure configurations can be written using this method. Raman scattering has been used to monitor this example of direct laser writing in real

time. In these experiments<sup>(1)</sup>, 5145 Å argon-ion laser radiation was focused on the chosen substrate to induce the surface pyrolytic reaction and also to serve simultaneously as a source of photons for Raman scattering. In addition to these real-time measurements, these same polysilicon microstructures were then re-examined in-situ after deposition, with no reactive gas present. Since the Stokes shift of Si decreases with increasing temperature ( $520 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 300 K) while the width of the scattered line increases with increasing temperature ( $3.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 300 K), the Raman spectra of these inhomogeneously laser-heated microstructures provide information regarding microstructure temperature profile, which also depends on substrate thermal conductivity<sup>(1,2)</sup>. Stress information is also available from these measurements. Comparison of the real-time and post-processing data of laser-written polysilicon, suggests that during direct laser writing the silicon reaction front is at temperatures near melting.

Other demonstrations of Raman microprobe analysis in direct laser writing have illustrated the ability to determine material composition in-situ. For example, in one preliminary study the level of p-type doping in boron-doped polysilicon deposited by direct laser writing employing  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6/\text{SiH}_4/\text{Si}_2\text{H}_6$  reactant mixtures was analyzed using these techniques<sup>(2)</sup>. In another experiment<sup>(3)</sup>, Ge-Si alloy microstructures were formed by pyrolytic, direct laser writing using 5145 Å argon-ion laser radiation focused to about 2 microns, in either of two ways: by co-deposition from  $\text{GeH}_4/\text{SiH}_4$  mixtures on substrates that absorb visible radiation or by Si deposition from  $\text{SiH}_4$  on locally,

laser-melted Ge substrates. The relative strengths and frequencies of the characteristic three-peak Raman spectrum of Ge-Si alloys, consisting of peaks near 300, 400, and 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to Ge-Ge, Ge-Si, and Si-Si local modes, respectively, were used to determine deposit stoichiometry *in-situ*<sup>(3)</sup>. Furthermore, using Raman microprobe analysis these codeposited Ge-Si alloys were observed to be either polycrystalline or amorphous depending on the substrate characteristics.

The use of these techniques to determine precisely the stresses of microstructures<sup>(4)</sup> and grain boundary locations in polycrystalline materials<sup>(5)</sup> prepared by direct laser writing represents a straightforward extension of the procedures employed in low-laser power Raman analysis of silicon thin films prepared by optical lithography and other means<sup>(4,5)</sup>.

Submicron lateral resolution is easily obtainable in Raman microprobe analysis by using visible or ultraviolet probe lasers and large numerical aperture focusing optics. Proper choice of laser wavelength and substrate temperature can alter the effective depth of the Raman probe, which is  $\approx$  the absorption depth. For most semiconductors, sub-micron and even sub-1000 Å surface probe depths are easily achievable.

The versatility of the techniques described here for real-time Raman diagnostics of direct laser writing can easily be expanded by use of a second laser in either of two ways. In one variation the second probe laser is used to trail the reaction-inducing laser during a scan in order to examine the cooled deposit, while in the other mode it is used to probe regimes near the scanning reaction zone by

choosing the probe laser at a wavelength different from that of the heating laser.

Analogous photoluminescence techniques can be used to probe the properties of direct-band gap semiconductors during laser modification of surfaces. Furthermore, these optical diagnostic procedures can be applied to large-area laser processing, photolytic (non-thermal) laser modification, and to conventional thin film processes, as well as to the pyrolytic direct laser writing procedures described here.

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PHOTODARKENING IN *insitu* TEXTURED PbTe FILMS – A NOVEL TECHNIQUE  
FOR HIGH CONTRAST OPTICAL STORAGE IN POLYCRYSTALLINE THIN FILMS

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**Introduction**

Recent studies (1,2) have shown that textured films are ideally suited for optical storage as they exhibit appreciable optical contrast upon laser irradiation. Craighead et al (1) demonstrated that relatively thick films of various materials exhibit good reflectance contrast due to a mechanism of columnar collapse, when the films are prepared by sputter-etch technique. Kameswara Rao et al (2) observed that thin films of Ge, prepared by oblique angle deposition technique, exhibit good transmittance contrast due to chemical modification of the irradiated region to a selective oxide phase. It thus appears that the origin as well as the nature of the optical contrast in textured films critically vary with method of preparation as well as the thickness of the film. In the present study we report the observation of optical contrast of thin polycrystalline films of PbTe, via darkening of irradiated region. The observed darkening is found to be similar to the photodarkening widely known in amorphous materials.

**Experimental Observations and Results**

Thin films of PbTe of thickness  $3000 \text{ \AA}$  were deposited on clean microscopic glass slides in a vacuum of  $10^{-6} \text{ Torr}$  at  $80^\circ$  angle of deposition. A pulsed free running Nd:YAG laser with a pulse width of 300 micro-seconds is used for irradiating the films. The films showed darkening effects at nearly  $7 \text{ KW/cm}^2$  power density, giving rise to good optical contrast via reduced transmittance in the irradiated region. Fig.1 shows the transmission optical micrograph of the image of a 200 mesh TEM grid pattern on a  $80^\circ$  deposited PbTe film, immediately after irradiation. Fig.2 and Fig.3 show the TEM micrographs of the sample, both before and after the irradiation respectively. The observation of the associated electron

diffraction patterns showed characteristic ring structures indicating that the films are polycrystalline, both before and after irradiation. The micrographs clearly indicate appreciable microstructural reordering, upon irradiation. The films have been subjected to XPS studies to probe into the chemical modifications upon irradiation and their contribution for the darkening. The films are found to compose of PbTe, PbO and TeO<sub>2</sub>. It is found that at the irradiation level where darkening is found, no change has been observed in the relative percentage of the above species. This indicates that chemical reactions are not responsible for the observed darkening.

The transmittance characteristics of the film both before and after irradiation are recorded using a double beam spectrophotometer. A 15% relative transmittance difference between irradiated and unirradiated regions is measured, which can easily be measured by conventional techniques. A visual observation of the transmittance characteristics both before and after irradiation indicate that there is a shift in the absorption edge towards the longer wavelength. This indicates that the observed darkening is similar to the photodarkening phenomena widely known in the amorphous materials. However there is a small difference; the darkening in the present study can not be reversed by heat treatment, unlike in amorphous materials. The specular reflectance of the film as well as the transmittance variation of the film for polarised light (He-Ne laser output) as a function of angle of incidence, clearly indicated that the overall textural features of the film still remain unaltered even after irradiation. This suggests that the columnar collapse mechanism originally suggested by Craighead et al can not explain the observed darkening, in the present case. Based on the above observations, it is proposed that the observed darkening in the insitu textured films of PbTe is mainly due to microstructural topological reordering of atoms in the film, wherein the overall surface features remain nearly unaltered. The above observation is expected to broaden the scope of the polycrystalline materials in thin film form as well as the range of useful materials for optical storage for read/write applications.

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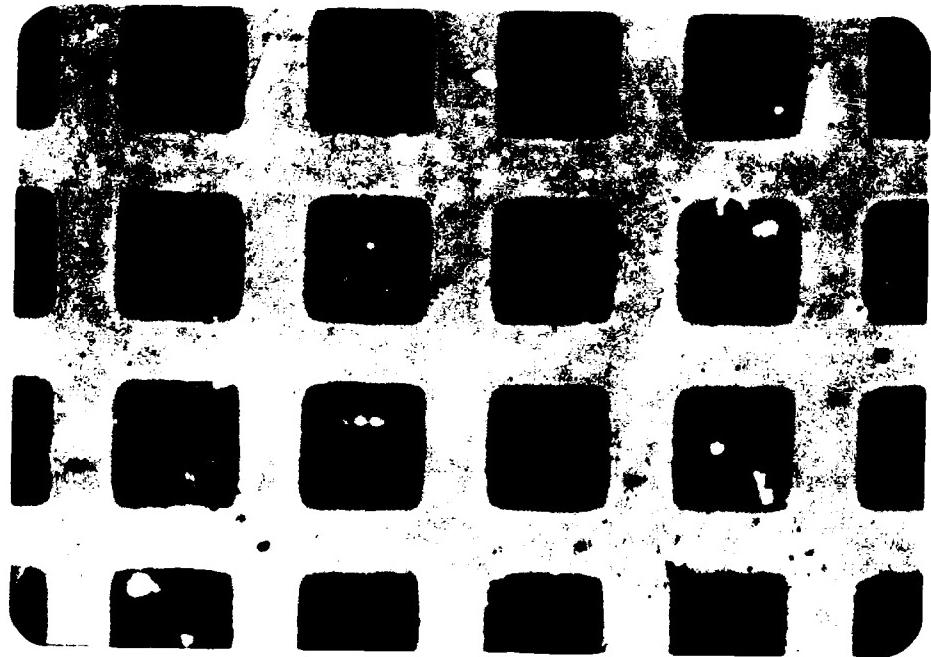


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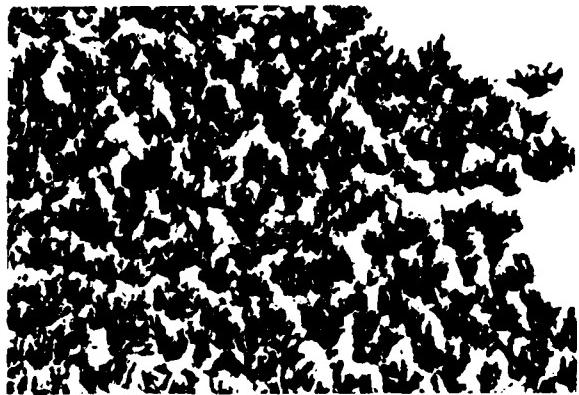


Fig. 3

## Characterization of Optically Induced Periodic Structures on Semiconductor Surfaces

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Increasing applications are being found for laser and optical techniques in the fabrication of semiconductor devices and in the diagnostics of processing steps such as etching or metal deposition. For example, by using two interfering laser beams to initiate localized chemical reactions, spatially periodic structures can be produced on semiconductor surfaces. Practically, such structures are of interest because of the potential for utility in a variety of electrooptical and electronic applications.<sup>1</sup> An important aspect of this processing is that the structure growth can be monitored in real time by observing the diffraction of the writing beams, thus allowing a precise control over the feature depth. In addition, because the structures can have a high spatial frequency, the process of their fabrication becomes a method of studying the wavelength-scale physical processes which influence the structure growth. These processes may involve, for example, the diffusion of photoexcited species or the magnification of the optical fields at the illuminated surfaces.

In this talk, the above aspects of laser processing will be illustrated by describing two experiments in this area: light-controlled etching of compound semiconductors and photodeposition of metals from surface layers. In both cases high-resolution diffraction gratings have been fabricated and basic physical phenomena observed. Finally, spontaneous ripple formation on semiconductor surfaces via photogeneration of electron-hole pairs will be discussed.

In most of the laser chemical processing of materials, the temporal coherence of the laser source has not played an important role in the processing results or physics. For example, in many photon-assisted processes, the monochromatic nature of the laser is important only in so far as it is necessary to drive a specific chemical channel. In this talk a laser chemical processing technique which requires that the light source have a high degree of temporal coherence will be described. In this technique, two parts of a laser beam are interfered to produce a coherent light pattern across a substrate surface.

A study of laser holographic processing provides information on both the fabrication of device structures for specific near-term applications and the basic physical phenomena occurring in interfacial chemical reactions. In particular, most of the initial work on holographic semiconductor etching has emphasized high-resolution diffraction gratings. These gratings are potentially important for single-wavelength distributed feedback lasers, for optical

couplers, and as wavelength filters for a variety of passive electrooptical devices. For example, for the fabrication of distributed feedback lasers, optical gratings with periods between 100 and 300 nm are required. Currently, gratings are typically produced by holographic or electron beam exposure of a photoresist mask followed by ion milling or wet chemical etching of the semiconductor surface. More recently, several direct writing techniques have been investigated. Light-sensitive chemical or electrochemical etching of semiconductors in conjunction with coherent laser radiation provides a simple method for recording the gratings.<sup>2,3</sup> In general, light from a laser source is split into two nearly equal intensity beams which then intersect at the sample surface. The resulting interference fringe pattern creates a sinusoidal spatial intensity variation on the sample surface. Selective etching results since photogenerated minority carriers in the semiconductor accelerate or induce the etching.

A schematic of the laser interferometer arrangement used to produce the gratings is shown in Fig. 1(a). A laser beam passes through a spatial filter and a wide-beam collimator before impinging on the right-angle corner. The corner, on which a mirror and the semiconductor sample are mounted, is inside an optical cell containing an etching solution. An interference pattern is produced by the superposition of the direct and the reflected beams (Lloyd's mirror arrangement) inside the solution, which has an index of refraction,  $n$ , greater than one (approximately 1.33). A wide range of grating spacings can be obtained by simple rotation of the right-angle corner. The grating period,  $s$ , is then given by

$$s = \lambda / (2n \sin\theta_i) \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the free-space wavelength of incident light and  $\theta_i$  is the incident angle on the sample surface. The incident, s-polarized laser beams had an approximately flat intensity distribution across the sample.

An important feature of the direct etching process is that the parameters of the gratings can be monitored during fabrication. The processing laser beam, reflected from the etched corrugation, produces a diffraction pattern that characterizes the depth and the shape of the grating profile at any given moment. The general form of the grating equation is

$$\sin\theta_r - \sin\theta_i = m (\lambda / sn) \quad (2)$$

where  $m$  is the order of diffraction,  $n$  is the refractive index of the outer medium,  $s$  the groove spacing,  $\theta_i$  the angle of incidence, and  $\theta_r$  the angle of diffraction ( $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_r$  will have the same sign on the same side of the grating normal.)

In order to perform in situ monitoring, a beam splitter is periodically inserted in the main beam to reflect the diffracted minus first order beam, as shown in Fig. 1(b). In this special case where  $\theta_i = -\theta_r$ , the grating is said to

be positioned in "autocollimation" (Littrow) and the grating equation, Eq. (2), is reduced to Eq. (1).

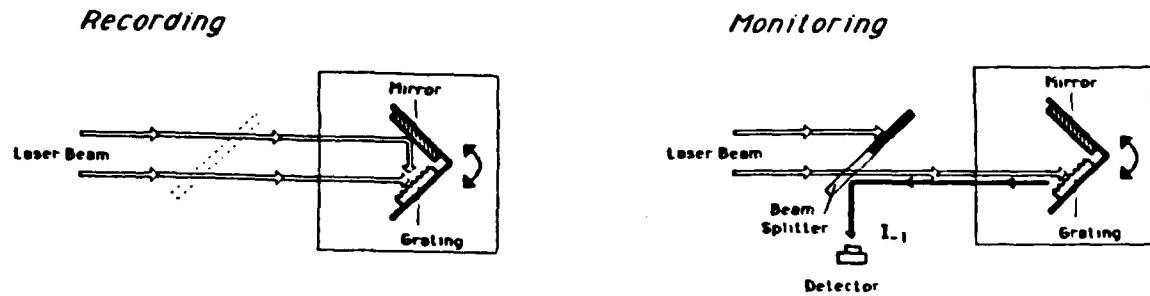


Figure 1. Photochemical recording and monitoring of diffraction gratings etched in semiconductors.

The measured diffracted light intensity can be related to the groove depth and profile. Theoretical treatments of a simple sinusoidal grating have shown that the ratio of the minus first order diffracted and the initially reflected  $I_0$  (taken as 100%) beams is given by<sup>4</sup>

$$\frac{I_{-1}}{I_0} = J_1^2 [2\pi n d (1 + \cos \theta_{-1}) / \lambda] \quad (3)$$

where  $d$  is the depth of the grating grooves. For shallow gratings, the grating growth rate can be determined to within an accuracy better than 10% from the position of the first maximum of the Bessel function. Detailed groove profiles were measured with a scanning electron microscope (SEM) and compared with the optical measurements.

In separate experiments, arrays of deep submicrometer size grooves were etched in GaAs crystals with a projected ultraviolet light pattern. Two writing laser beams were symmetrically incident onto the sample surface where they intersect at a small angle. The interference fringe pattern produced by the intersecting beams results in a sinusoidal variation in the irradiance at the sample surface with the fringe spacing of  $\sim 1.4 \mu\text{m}$ . In contrast to the results described previously, the long-exposure etching, typically 30 to 40 minutes, results in deep, vertical features. A scanning electron micrograph of the cross-sectional profile of 20- $\mu\text{m}$ -deep grooves is shown in Fig. 2.



**Figure 2.** SEM micrographs of the cross-sectional profile of 20- $\mu$ -deep grooves etched in GaAs.

The entrance edge of the etched structure is tapered for a short distance into the sample, i.e.  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ , corresponding to the incident, sinusoidal laser intensity pattern. However, for deeper etching, the grooves assume a characteristic tubular shape as the feature sidewalls become vertical. The etched width,  $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ , remains then constant, independent of the etched depth. The etched structure acts now as a self-propagating, hollow waveguide which confines and efficiently transmits the processing laser light.

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LASER MICROPROBE MASS SPECTROMETRY  
AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO  
OTHER MICROANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES

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There are a variety of techniques employed for the microanalysis of materials. The majority of these techniques employ focused ions or electron beams to probe the materials. In recent years, a technique called Laser Microprobe Mass Spectrometry has been developed to provide a unique and complementary characterization capability. This paper will deal with the basic phenomena involved, instrumentation and illustrations of the technique's utility with a variety of applications.

## Resonance Ionization Mass Spectrometry Using Ion-Beam Sampling

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### 1. Introduction

Sputter atomization/resonance ionization mass spectrometry (SA/RIMS) is a highly sensitive technique for materials analysis which combines ion beam sputtering, resonance ionization, and mass spectrometry. A pulsed beam of high-energy primary ions bombards the sample producing a plume of neutral atoms. The cloud of sputtered neutrals is intersected and ionized by a synchronized, pulsed laser beam tuned to a resonant transition for specific sample atoms. Laser-generated ions are then extracted into a mass spectrometer for mass analysis. Ion beam sputtering allows the sampling process to be highly controlled by varying the energy, current density, and composition of the primary beam; the pulsed nature of the beam results in efficient sample utilization. Use of a micro-focused beam permits imaging of small areas and particles. The pulsed dye laser generates the high optical power necessary to efficiently ionize the sputtered atoms. Mass analysis of the laser-generated ions provides the capability for isotope ratio measurements.

### 2. Experimental

The instrument used in this work was a modified ion microprobe mass analyzer (IMMA) manufactured by Applied Research Laboratories (Sunland, CA) and is based on the design of Liebl (Liebl 1967). In essence, the instrument is two mass spectrometers. In the primary spectrometer, a beam of ions is generated, mass analyzed, and focused ( $2 \mu\text{m}$  diameter) onto the sample of interest. Secondary ions sputtered from the sample are directed into a double-focusing mass spectrometer where mass analysis is accomplished. Modifications to the ion extraction lens system, which allow discrimination against sputtered ions while allowing efficient collection of laser-generated ions have been described in another publication (Donohue et al 1985). The IMMA instrument also has complete sample manipulation and viewing capability.

#### 2.1 Laser Source and Light Optics

The laser system used in this study was a tunable dye laser (Quanta Ray PDL-2) pumped by a pulsed Nd:YAG laser (Quanta Ray DCR-2A). The dye laser was operated in fifth order resulting in a bandwidth of approximately  $0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  as determined by a  $1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  Fabry-Perot etalon. Rhodamine 610 dye used in our experiments gave a useful tuning range from about 582-598 nm. Dye

laser wavelength scans were performed under computer control via a programmable motor controller (Quanta Ray MCI-1). Wavelength calibration was confirmed by recording the optogalvanic spectrum of a Ne-filled U hollow cathode lamp.

## 2.2 Signal Processing/Control Electronics

The signal from the Daly detector's photomultiplier was simultaneously processed by both analog and digital electronic systems. The analog system consisted of a fast current amplifier and gated integrator (Stanford Research Systems SR250). The signal produced by a packet of ions generated from a single laser shot was integrated by the current amplifier into a single pulse approximately 15  $\mu$ s wide. This pulse was sampled by a gated integrator triggered by the laser and delayed for the flight time of the ion packet through the mass spectrometer. The resultant DC signal was further processed by the data system. The analog signal from the current amplifier was also used to drive video amplifiers in the standard ARL video display system. The digital system was composed of the standard ARL preamp/discriminator, pre-scaler, and fast pulse counting (30 ns pulse-pair resolution) system. The digital system was mainly used to determine relative signal strengths for SIMS signals.

The primary ion beam was pulsed by applying a +450V pulse to opposing alignment plates located at the top of the primary lens column. The ion beam gate width and delay were set by gate/delay generators triggered by the laser flashlamp sync pulse.

## 2.3 Data System

Data acquisition and control for the experiments were performed by a microcomputer system (MDB Micro-11) based on the LSI-11/23-Plus (Digital Equipment Corp.) central processing unit. The system contained an analog-to-digital converter (ADC)/digital-to-analog converter (DAC) interface board; the ADC was used to convert the DC output of the gated integrator, and the DAC was used to control the secondary magnet. Amplified signals from a second DAC were used to position the primary ion beam via the standard primary beam sweep plates. Another direct memory access DAC was used to drive an x-y scope for real-time signal display. A parallel interface was used to control the dye laser motor controller (see above). Spectra could also be sent to a digital plotter (Hewlett-Packard 7475A) for hard copy output.

## 3. Results and Discussion

Earlier studies in our laboratory demonstrated that Ar<sup>+</sup> sputtering of uranium metal in the presence of residual oxygen produced both SIMS and SA/RIMS spectra rich in UO<sup>+</sup> and UO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> as compared to the atomic ion (Donohue et al 1985). The present study shows that for U metal samples the molecular species are

essentially eliminated if the partial pressure of oxygen and oxygen-containing species (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>O) is sufficiently reduced. To accomplish this in our instrument the existing 400 l/s ion pump was replaced with a 1200 l/s cryosorption unit.

### 3.1 RIMS Sensitivity Improvement for U Metal Samples

For maximum sensitivity in the SIMS analysis of electropositive metals O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> bombardment or oxygen flooding of the sputtering region is commonly used to maximize secondary ion yields. Table 1 presents a comparison of laser-generated U<sup>+</sup> signals using Ar<sup>+</sup> and O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> sputter atomization of U metal with a time normalized SIMS U<sup>+</sup> signal generated by an O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> primary beam on the same sample. The time normalization for the SIMS signal was done by using the gated integrator/ADC electronics and a gate width (6  $\mu$ s) identical to that for the SA/RIMS signals rather than the pulse counting system. The primary beams were also run in cw mode for these experiments. As expected, a given flux of Ar<sup>+</sup> primary ions was significantly more effective at generating sputtered neutral U atoms from a U metal target than O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> primary ions were.

Table 1

	SA/RIMS		SIMS
Primary Beam (10 nA)	Ar <sup>+</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>
Net Signal (V-s $\times$ 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	19.3	0.09	0.06
Relative Strength	320	1.5	1.0

### 3.2 Pulsed Primary Ion Beam Experiments

We have found that for highly oxidizable metal samples such as U that the duration of the SA/RIMS sputter pulse must be long enough to remove adsorbed impurities that accumulate on the sample surface while the primary beam is not on the sample. A set of experiments which demonstrated the effect was performed. The region of the U metal surface being pulse-sputtered was initially sputter-cleaned with a cw Ar<sup>+</sup> beam, then the primary beam was switched to pulsed operation and the detected resonance U<sup>+</sup> signal allowed to stabilize as equilibrium was achieved between arrival rate of chemisorbed species from the vacuum system and Ar<sup>+</sup> from the pulsed sputtering beam. The Ar<sup>+</sup> sputtering beam was then switched to cw mode and the time response of the U<sup>+</sup> signal monitored. The primary beam pulse width was varied from 5 to 150  $\mu$ s. For all pulse widths there was an immediate increase in laser-generated U<sup>+</sup> signal upon switching to cw mode; in each case the signal was also observed to decay after switching to pulsed mode as the surface was again recovered with chemisorbed impurities. The equilibrium signal after switching to pulsed mode was seen to increase with primary beam pulse width. For the particular Ar<sup>+</sup>

current density being used we found that it took a pulse width of 120  $\mu$ s or longer to provide enough presputtering to restore the maximum neutral uranium population that can be sputtered from the surface under those conditions. Sm is considerably more resistant to oxidation than U. In another experiment the same Ar<sup>+</sup> beam current was used to sputter a Sm target, but the beam diameter was increased to 60  $\mu$ m so that the current density was reduced to about 20% of that used in the U experiment. Even with the lowered current density which should enhance surface coverage effects and with only a 5  $\mu$ s sputter pulse the fall off in Sm<sup>+</sup> resonant ion signal was much less severe than for U. The results of these experiments reflect the fact that oxide formation on U is considerably faster than on Sm.

### 3.3 SIMS and SA/RIMS Comparisons

Table 2 compares the SIMS signals determined under similar conditions for U metal, UO<sub>2</sub>, and U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> samples and also compares the SA/RIMS ion signals measured under similar conditions for U and UO<sub>2</sub> samples. No data for SA/RIMS ion formation on the U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> sample is shown because no laser-generated ion signal was obtained under the conditions used for these comparisons. UO<sup>+</sup> and UO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> signals seen in the SA/RIMS experiments were found to be broadband photoionization effects. The U<sup>+</sup> SA/RIMS signal on the other hand was always sharply tunable with wavelength. The case of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> is interesting in that despite the highly oxidized state of the U, it is the U<sup>+</sup> ion that appears in greatest abundance in the SIMS spectra. Viewed in terms of the SA/RIMS results for U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, it would appear that relatively few neutral U atoms are sputtered from this sample, and for that matter little UO<sup>0</sup> and UO<sub>2</sub><sup>0</sup>. These experiments also suggest that conventional SIMS offers more sensitivity for the analysis of this material.

Table 2

Ion	SIMS			SA/RIMS	
	counts/s $\times 10^3$	U metal	UO <sub>2</sub> crystal	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	V-s $\times 10^{-6}$
U <sup>+</sup>	93	102	750	17.0	0.39
UO <sup>+</sup>	6	575	90	0.21	6.3
UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	2	895	52	---	0.57
UO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	--	---	0.5	---	---

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**DIAGNOSTICS OF LASER PROCESSING: 2**

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Laser-induced etching is receiving significant attention, motivated by applications in microelectronics and medicine and by long standing concern about optical damage phenomena. In the present experiments, we emphasize etching with pulsed UV (excimer) lasers in the low fluence, i.e. near threshold, region. Under these conditions etching has been attributed to a variety of phenomena, among them thermally activated vaporization and photochemical bond breaking processes. The present work is aimed at distinguishing between the thermal and electronic processes for several materials. According to the thermal model, one requires a sufficiently high peak temperature that vaporization is the primary source of surface etching.

To distinguish between the above two mechanisms we use laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) to probe species in the etch plume as they expand away from the surface, see Fig. 1. This technique measures particle densities, and it is particularly useful for monitoring the population of translational and rotational/vibrational states; thus LIF provides a "thermometer."

Materials that have been investigated are graphite, sapphire, oxidized aluminum surfaces ( $\text{Al}:\text{O}_2$ ), and polymers. These materials etch are studied with excimer fluences  $\leq 1 \text{ J/cm}^2$  so that plasma formation and gas-phase collisions are minimized. Also these materials span a wide range of properties: graphite is metallic-like and can be anticipated to exhibit rapid electronic energy dispersal, while sapphire and polymers should have long-lived electronic (excitation) states. Based on this, graphite is anticipated to etch by a thermal process, i. e. after degradation of the original excitation into heat, whereas the insulators sapphire and polymers may show photochemical etching mechanisms.

**A. Graphite:** The graphite samples were highly oriented pyrolytic (HOPG) graphite mounted with the c-axis parallel both to the surface normal and to the etch-laser beam. This means that the low thermal conductivity direction is also perpendicular to the surface and the depth heated during a pulse was effectively within  $\leq 200\text{nm}$  of the surface; such a shallow depth contributes to a high peak temperature. Estimates of the peak surface temperature,  $\hat{T}_s$ , are obtained by the following approaches. Samples receiving only  $\sim 0.5 \text{ J/cm}^2$  showed surface morphology which precluded extensive melting; the melt temperature is  $\sim 4100\text{K}$  at atmospheric pressure. Second, a temperature estimate of  $4000 \pm 300\text{K}$  is derived from the rate of material removal. The conclusion is that  $\hat{T}_s$  is near  $4000\text{K}$  when one monolayer of graphite is removed per excimer pulse.

Figure 2 illustrates a section of the Mulliken bands of  $\text{C}_2$  obtained by LIF. This section covers only  $\sim 3\%$  of the observable spectrum, as rotational lines out to  $J=92$  have been recorded in both the P and R branches of  $v'' = 0$  and 1. Figure 3 shows the LIF signal (corrected for degeneracy) plotted as a function of  $J(J+1)$ , i.e. the rotational energy. The observation that the data in Fig. 3 fit a straight line means that the energy follows a Boltzmann distribution (with average temperature of  $\sim 3800\text{K}$ ).

The  $\text{C}_2$  signal as a function of velocity has been determined by time-of-flight. The resultant curves fit a Boltzmann distribution with  $T_{\text{trans.}} = 4500\text{K}$  when  $<< 1$  monolayer is removed per pulse;  $T_{\text{trans.}}$  doubles when  $\gtrsim 1$  monolayer is removed. Although these values are greater than the deduced surface temperature, gas dynamic corrections play an important role in translational motion. As detailed in Ref. 1, laser vaporization is in general *not a simple single step of solid $\rightarrow$ gas transition*. Instead, it is more like a three-step process in

that vaporization (solid  $\rightarrow$  gas) occurs first into a dense, possibly 50 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Knudsen layer, and when  $\gtrsim 1$  monolayer is removed there are initially some 5 to 20 collisions before the gas gradually expands to infinity. While undergoing these collisions, the  $\cos\theta$  dependence of normal vaporization is partially converted into directed motion perpendicular to the solid surface. There is some similarity between this process and the collimation and cooling present in a supersonic expansion from a nozzle.

In conclusion, the results for  $\text{C}_2$  kinetic and internal energies are seen to be in good agreement with expectations for a simple thermal evaporation.

**B.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ :** The LIF results for excimer etching of sapphire and  $\text{Al}:\text{O}_2$  have been recently discussed in detail.<sup>2</sup> In order to compare these results to the results for graphite above, we shall summarize them here.

The Al atom density in the etch plume above the target was determined by exciting ground-state atoms at 394.4 nm and observing the fluorescence at 396.1 nm. The AlO molecule densities, as well as the kinetic and internal energies, were measured using  $(v')\text{B}^2\Sigma^+ \leftrightarrow (v'')\text{X}^2\Sigma^+$  electronic transitions. The velocity distributions for Al are significantly broader than is appropriate for a Maxwell-Boltzmann form and there exists marked differences in both the velocity and the kinetic energy between the Al and AlO. These disparities increase rapidly with fluence: the Al energy increased from  $\sim 3.8$  eV near threshold to  $\sim 17$  eV at  $3.2 \text{ J/cm}^2$ . In contrast to this *increase*, the AlO energy started at  $\sim 1.2$  eV near threshold and monotonically *decreased* with increasing fluence to  $\sim 0.3$  eV at  $3.2 \text{ J/cm}^2$ .

Internal energies for AlO are again obtainable from the LIF spectra since a large number of rotational transitions are resolved within the first two vibrational bands (Fig. 4). With the rotational distributions, no deviation from Boltzmann form was observed. Low populations in  $v'' \geq 2$  indicate that the AlO left the surface as a diatomic, because AlO formed by recombination in free space has extensive vibrational excitation. The present AlO rotational and vibrational energies are low, i.e. only 200-600K above ambient, and are similar for the two types of aluminum oxide targets.

For Al and AlO, the very high kinetic energies and low internal energies clearly indicate non-thermal behavior. In order for a thermal mechanism to account for the etch rate, peak temperatures of  $\sim 4800\text{K}$  would be required. Such temperatures are much larger than the rotational and vibrational temperatures observed. It is difficult to calculate the temperature rise of bulk  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  because of uncertainty about its electronic condition; however, this same limitation does not apply to  $\text{Al}:\text{O}_2$ . In this case one can use the bulk constants of Al metal, as a thin (0.3 to 3 nm) layer of oxide changes neither the optical properties at 248 nm nor the thermal properties, and thereby deduce  $\sim 500\text{K}$  to result from  $1 \text{ J/cm}^2$ .<sup>2</sup> For  $\text{Al}:\text{O}_2$  the surface temperature remains too low for thermal vaporization to account for the etching; and similar energy distributions are obtained for this material and sapphire.

**C. Polymers:** The LIF technique has also been used to determine energies of the diatomics  $\text{C}_2$  and CN ablated from polyimide and  $\text{C}_2$  ablated from polymethylmethacrylate. While the investigation is continuing, several conclusions are currently possible. First, the kinetic energies of the diatomics are quite high, being greater than the values found for AlO from sapphire. After including the gas dynamical correction discussed above, one still concludes that the translation energies are  $> 1.3$  eV. Note that this value is much greater than the

kinetic energies found for the (thermal) etching of graphite. In the case of polymers, as in the case of graphite, the present excimer etch fluences are too low to produce significant plasma density, so plasma formation is not the source of high kinetic energies.

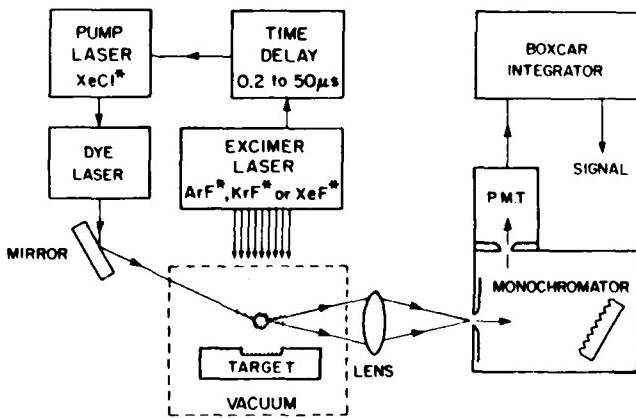
The establishment of internal energies by LIF is more complicated. The population of the various states is non-Boltzmann, with the high energy states indicating a high ( $\sim 2500\text{K}$ ) "temperature" and the low lying states indicating a lower temperature  $T \sim 1000\text{K}$ . At this point, we cannot rule out the possibility that gas phase collisions are influencing the populations. There is a profusion of larger polyatomics in the plume and hence collisions are statistically more common than with the other solids. Measurements are underway to find the source of the non-Boltzmann like distributions. It is already clear, however, that interpreting laser ablation of polymers as simply thermal vaporization does not fit the present results.

In summary, laser induced fluorescence provides detailed, reliable information about internal energies (temperatures) of diatomics including  $\text{AlO}$ ,  $\text{CN}$  and  $\text{C}_2$ . In particular, laser impact on graphite produces  $\text{C}_2$  with essentially the *energies* expected for *thermally activated vaporization*. The elevated  $\text{C}_2$  kinetic energy is in principle understood on the basis of vaporization occurring as a three-step process, first as a dense collisional medium and only later in a supersonic, then freely expanding state. In contrast, laser impact on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  or polyimide leads to the sputtering of diatomics ( $\text{AlO}$ ,  $\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{C}_2$ ) which have very low rotational energies and, at the same time, kinetic energies so high that they cannot be thermal. This contrast thus permits one to separate thermal from photochemical etching on the basis of diatomic particle energies within the plume while supporting the earlier conclusions about *photochemical effects* with the *insulating materials*.

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Fig. 1: Schematic of equipment for LIF measurements in the etch plume above excimer etched surfaces. A frequency doubler is inserted after the dye laser for the  $\text{C}_2$  Mulliken band measurements.



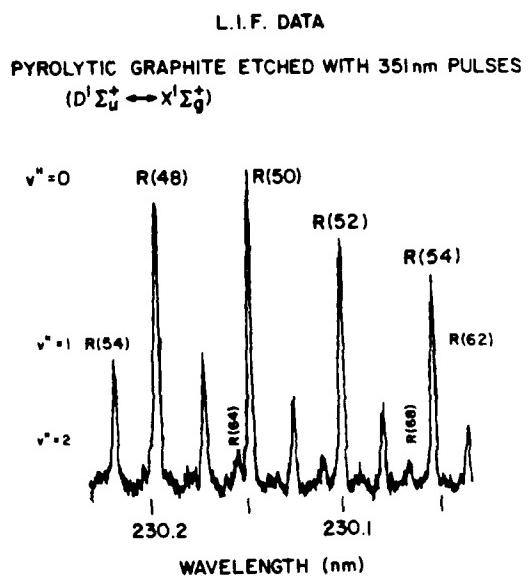


Fig. 2: A section of the LIF spectrum of  $C_2$  diatomics from excimer etched graphite.

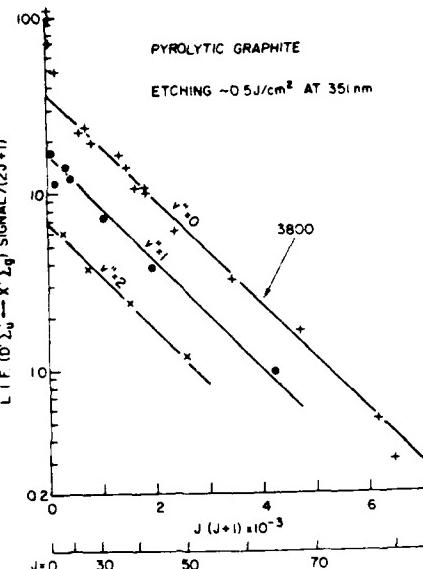


Fig. 3: (Normalized) LIF signal vs. rotational energy for three vibrational bands taken from data such as Fig. 2.

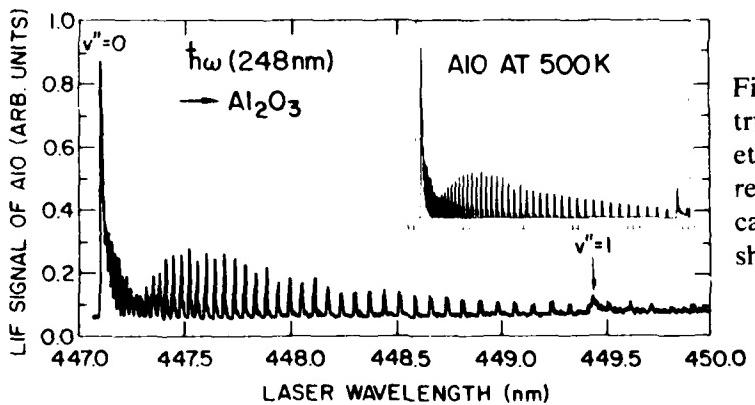


Fig. 4: LIF rotational spectra of AI0 from excimer etched sapphire. Note the reasonable agreement with the calculated 500K spectrum shown in the insert.

Excimer laser photochemistry of Al-alkyls monitored by dye laser mass spectroscopy.

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Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) is a powerful technique for the generation of well-defined layers of metals and semiconductors [1]. Extending MOCVD by the use of lasers to Laser-MOCVD, selective area growth can be obtained ([2] and references therein). Laser induced deposition of structured aluminum films can be achieved using UV lasers and Al-alkyls like triisobutylaluminum (TIBA) as gaseous organometallic precursor [3, 4].

The use of multiphoton ionization for the detection of gallium atoms, formed by visible multiphoton dissociation of trimethylgallium, was demonstrated by Mitchell and Hackett [5].

We studied the UV excimer laser induced photochemistry of the Al-alkyls TIBA, triethylaluminum (TEA) and trimethylaluminum (TMA) using tunable dye laser time-of-flight mass spectroscopy [6, 7, 1].

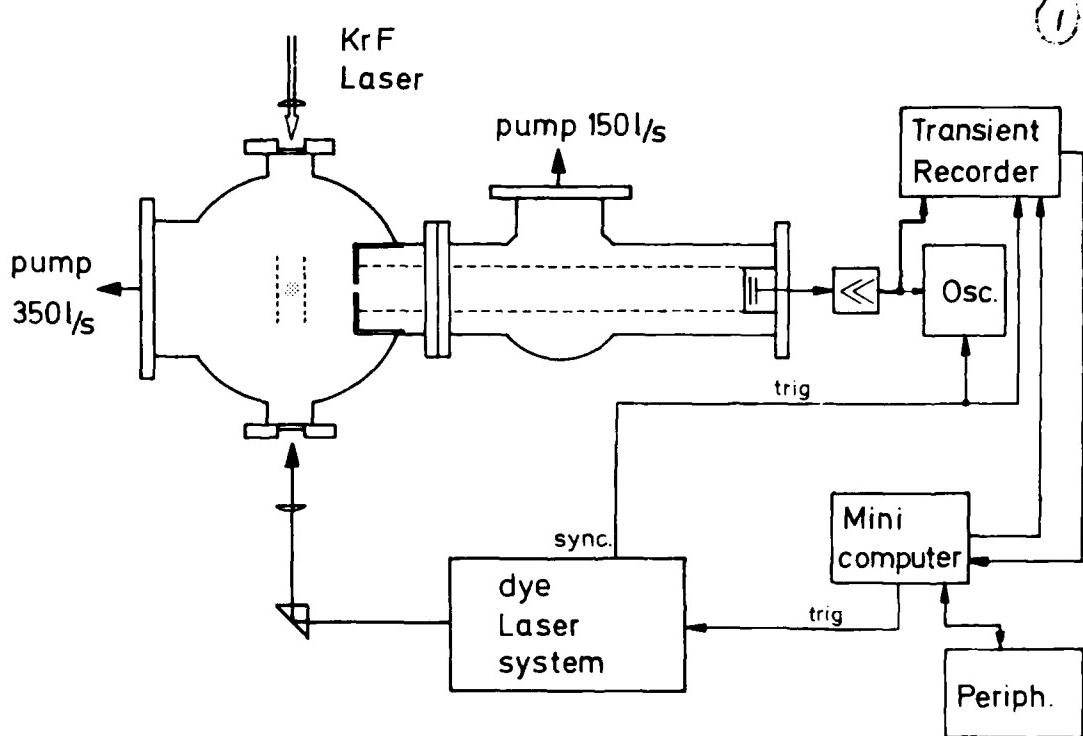
The experimental setup is shown schematically in Fig. 1. Excimer laser induced neutral photoproducts of the aluminum alkyls (TIBA, TEA, TMA) are detected after a suitable delay (100 ... 500 ns) by the tunable dye laser.

In the following, the results obtained for TIBA and a photolysis wavelength of  $\lambda = 248$  nm (KrF-Excimer laser) are presented. Major photoproducts are free aluminum atoms Al and aluminum-hydride molecules AlH. This is shown in Fig. 2. The probing dye laser was scanned in the 459 - 428 nm range, the delay after the excimer photolysis laser was set to  $\Delta t = 100$  ns in this case. Fig. 2 shows the dye laser reference energy (top trace), the  $\text{Al}^+$  signal (middle trace) and the  $\text{AlH}^+$  signal (lower trace). The sharp resonances observed in the  $\text{Al}^+$  spectrum are well known and due to atomic resonances of the free Al atoms. Fig. 3 shows on an expanded wavelength scale the  $\text{AlH}^+$  spectrum. These molecular bands can be assigned to two-photon transitions in the AlH molecules (X-C), and information on the rovibronic internal

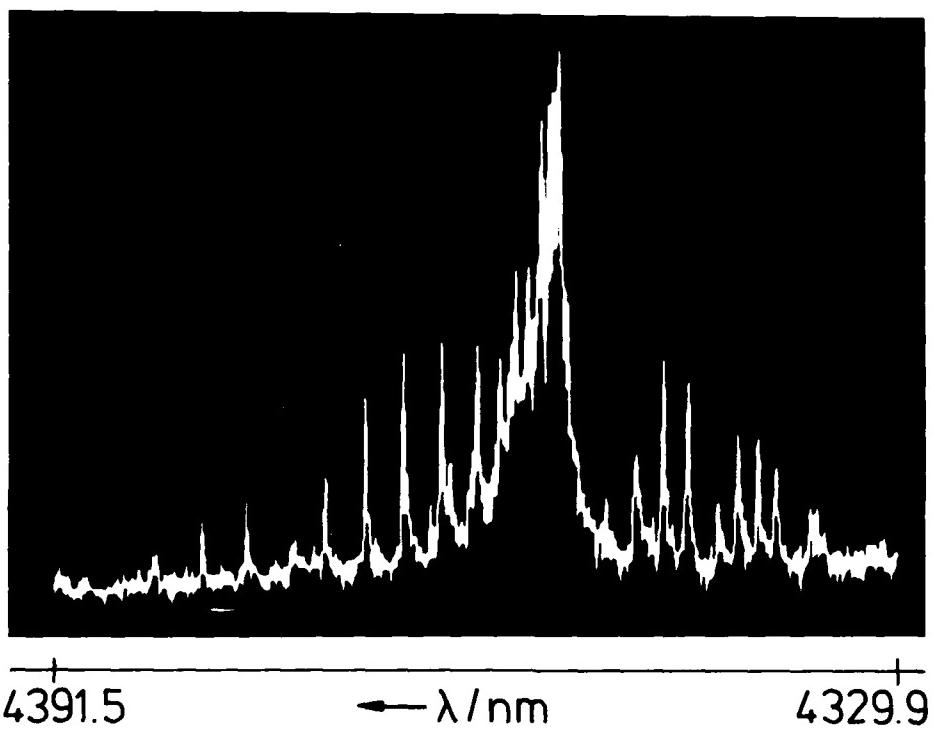
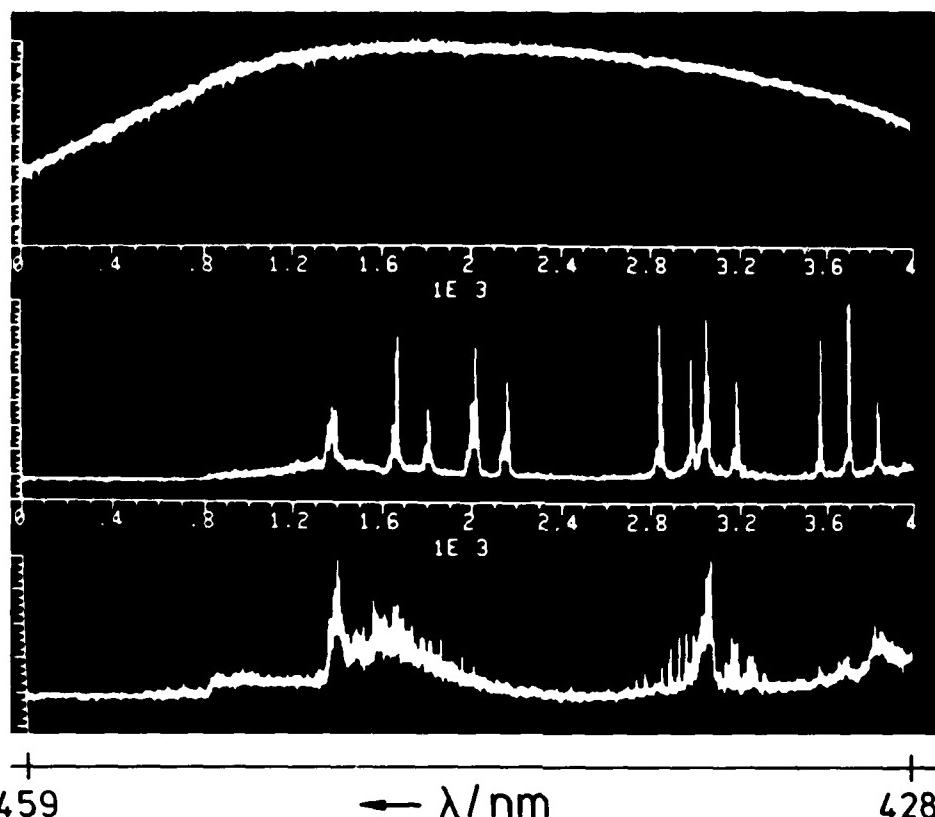
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energy of the AlH photoproducts can be obtained. Bands corresponding to two-photon X-D transitions were also observed. Very similar results were obtained for TEA, whereas in the case of TMA AlH is no major photoproduct at 248 nm. Results for TEA and TMA will be presented, as well as data obtained at other photolysis laser wavelengths. Picosecond UV-laser mass spectra of TMA, TEA and TIBA show in the case of TMA mass peaks, which can be attributed to the TMA dimer, whereas for TEA and TIBA dimer peaks were not identified.

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**OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS OF  
SEMICONDUCTORS-PHOTOLUMINESCENCE**

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## OPTICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF III-V SEMICONDUCTORS

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During the past several years considerable attention has been focused on artificially structured materials. These materials consist of layered structures of the same or different materials. With the advent of the metal organic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) and the molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) growth techniques, atomic layers of one material can be grown on another material with sharp, reproducible interfaces. For layer thicknesses of a few angstroms or less, well defined quasi two-dimensional electronic sub-bands are formed. The confined carriers result in novel electronic and optical properties. The heterostructure system that has received the most extensive investigation is the AlGaAs/GaAs system. The characterization of this system is the focus of the current paper.

In order to exploit fully the potential of the heterostructure technology, it is necessary to be able to fabricate reproducibly abrupt, high-quality interfaces between two materials. This requires both an understanding of the details of the growth process and a characterization technique capable of giving microscopic details about the quality of the interface. High-resolution photoluminescence spectroscopy (PLS) is an important experimental technique that can be used for analyzing the microscopic details of the interfaces.

In order to completely characterize the heterostructure system it is necessary also to be able to characterize the bulk materials from which the system is constructed.

Analysis of GaAs

High quality GaAs is necessary to produce optimum performance in heterostructure systems. To improve the quality requires a knowledge of the residual impurities in undoped material. The acceptors, having relatively large binding energies as compared to the donors ( $\sim 30$  vs.  $5.7$  meV), can be identified quite easily. The shallow hydrogenic donors, on the other hand, have small binding energies and also have small central-cell corrections. This makes the resolution of different chemical donors difficult.

Recently, shallow residual donors have been identified using high-resolution PLS<sup>(1,2)</sup>. The optical transitions that were used were those resulting from the collapse of neutral-donor-bound excitons (D,X). The decay of an exciton bound to a donor (acceptor) may have the donor (acceptor) in an excited state. For donor identification, the initial state consists of the exciton bound to the donor. The terminal state is the  $n = 2$  state of the donor. Emission lines have been observed on the high-energy side of the D,X transition in several materials. A non-rigid-rotator model was proposed that was able to account for the energies of these excited states in InP and GaAs.

We discuss the identification of residual donors in GaAs from the transition involving an exciton bound to the first non-rigid-rotational state. The observation of different residual donor species from this transition is made

possible by performing the experiment in a magnetic field. The magnetic field produces two effects: (a) It separates out states with different orbital angular momentum and (b) it compresses the wave function which sharpens the lines and separates the donors. In the final state the transition can terminate in either the 2S or 2P state. From parity arguments it can be shown that the initial state of the D,X transition has odd parity. The 2S final state will have even parity whereas the 2P final state will have odd parity. The preferential transition, therefore, from the D,X initial state will be to the 2S final state. By similar arguments it can be shown that the preferential transition from the first rotator state will be to the 2P final state.

When an exciton decays from the D,X state in a magnetic field the excited 2S and 2P terminal states are separated. The initial state of the complex consists of two paired electrons and one unpaired hole. The final state of the complex consists of an unpaired electron. The initial state of the complex splits into a quartet and the final 2P state splits into three widely separated states,  $2P_{+1}$ ,  $2P_0$ , and  $2P_{-1}$ . The magnetic field splitting of the transition going to the  $2P_{-1}$  terminal state at 40 KG is shown in Fig. 1. The inset in Fig. 1 shows the zero-field trace in the  $n = 2$  spectral region of the D,X transition. Here it is seen that the crystal contains residual Si and S donors. The splitting of the  $2P_{-1}$  state shows components of these two donors as marked in Fig. 1. The highest-intensity transitions are the spin-conserving transitions. The donors could not be resolved from this transition in zero magnetic field due to broadened lines and the near proximity of the D,X transition.

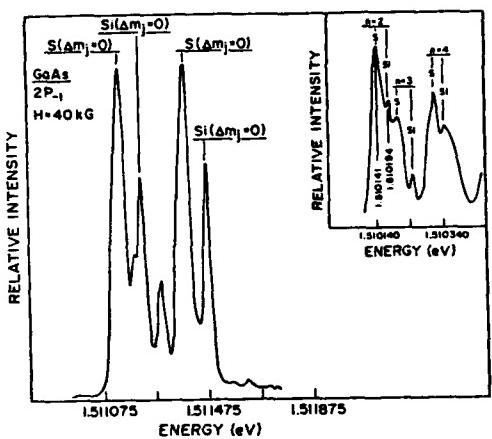


Fig. 1. Components of the  $2P_{-1}$  state at 40 KG for both sulfur and silicon donors. The inset shows the same two donors in zero magnetic field resulting from the exciton bound to the second, third and fourth rotational states.

#### Analysis of $\text{Al}_{x}\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$

High quality AlGaAs is also required for optimum performance of the  $\text{Al}_{x}\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}/\text{GaAs}$  heterostructure system. One of the most useful techniques for obtaining information concerning the quality of the alloys is PLS. The shape of the excitonic transition contains a great deal of information about the

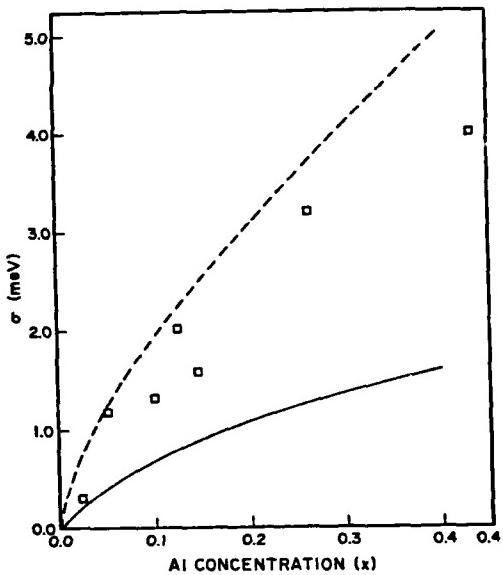


Fig. 2. Variation of  $\sigma$  as a function of  $X$  up to  $X = .43$ . Dashed and solid curves are theoretical curves.

quality of the alloy. Generally, the excitonic emission spectra in semiconductor alloys are considerably broader than those observed in their binary components. This broadening has been attributed to compositional disorder present in alloys. An alloy can be random on an atomic scale or on a scale  $r_c$  in which case  $r_c$  defines the radius of the clusters in the alloys. Gaede, et al.<sup>(4)</sup> were the first to calculate  $\sigma$ , the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the excitonic lines as a function of alloy composition in the perfectly random alloys. Subsequently, Singh and Bajaj<sup>(5)</sup> and Schubert, et al.<sup>(6)</sup> independently calculated the variation of  $\sigma$  as a function of alloy composition treating the exciton as a classical system. Recently Singh and Bajaj<sup>(7)</sup> have calculated the variation of  $\sigma$  as a function of alloy composition following a quantum mechanical approach. In Fig. 2 is plotted the values of the widths of the narrowest observed lines in  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  for several values of  $X$  (open squares) along with the variation of  $\sigma$  as calculated, assuming a perfectly random alloy. The dashed curve is obtained by using the expression of Singh and Bajaj<sup>(7)</sup> and Schubert, et al.<sup>(6)</sup> treating the exciton as a classical system of volume  $V_{ex} = (4/3) R_{ex}^3$  where  $R_{ex}$  is the exciton radius. The solid curve represents the results of Singh and Bajaj<sup>(7)</sup> using a quantum mechanical approach. Their results are about a factor of 3 smaller than those obtained in Refs. 5 and 6. The observed linewidths are somewhat larger than those calculated using a quantum mechanical approach suggesting a possible improvement in the quality of AlGaAs in the future.

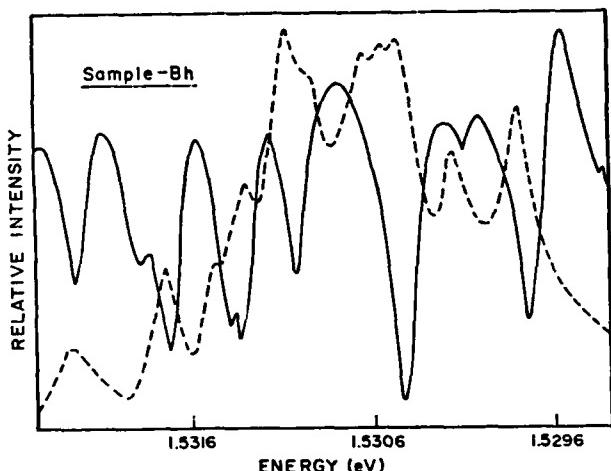


Fig. 3. The heavy-hole free exciton emission (dashed curve) and reflection (solid curve) spectra for a 135-A MQW.

reflection spectra for the heavy hole excitons. A similar 11-line structure is seen for the light-hole excitons in the reflection spectra. The energy spread of the sharp line structure for both the light- and heavy-hole excitons corresponds to well size fluctuations of approximately two monolayers.

The observed fine structure can be attributed to variations in the well width in the MQW structure and the differences in the microscopic quality of the interfaces. To understand the formation of the interfaces related to MQW systems, it is recognized that the heterostructure is grown by allowing the Ga and arsenic ( $\text{As}_2$  and  $\text{As}_4$ ) beams to impinge continuously on the growing substrate. The  $\text{Al}_2$  flux is shut off during the formation of the well and is allowed to impinge during the growth of the barrier. A perfect interface is one in which the cation layer  $i$  is pure Ga and the layer  $i-1$  or  $i+1$  is

#### Analyses of the Interface

High resolution optical spectroscopy is an important experimental technique that can be used to analyze the microscopic details of interfaces. Optical measurements on  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}/\text{GaAs}$  multi-quantum-well (MQW) structures show heavy hole excitonic transitions in emission and both heavy-hole and light-hole exciton transitions in reflection spectra. Considerable structure is observed in the excitonic spectra. In Fig. 3 a sharp 11-line structure is seen in both the PLS and

$\text{Al}_{x} \text{Ga}_{1-x}$  where  $X$  is the Al composition in the barrier region. Due to the obvious limits on shutter control and calibration, it is impossible to close or open a shutter when the surface layer is exactly full. In general because of this inherent uncertainty, the surface layer will have a coverage  $\bullet_{\downarrow} (2)$  when the shutter is opened or closed to form the interface. The Al composition in the interfacial layer can be expressed as

$$X_i = \bullet_{\downarrow} X,$$

when the inverted interface is formed, and

$$X_i = (1 - \bullet_{\downarrow}) X,$$

when the normal interface is formed. Here  $X$  is the concentration of Al in the barrier region. Thus, it is clear that even in the most optimized growth conditions, the Al composition at the interface, will not go from  $X$  to 0% over one monolayer, but will change from  $X$  to  $X_i$  to 0% over two monolayers. This would result in the interfacial microstructure (islands) varying randomly among various configurations.

The above discussion for the interface has definite implications concerning the PL linewidths in quantum wells. When the 2D island size is appreciably larger than the exciton size, the excitons see smooth walls and the exciton transitions are sharp. A theory for the linewidths for the case when the island sizes are comparable to, or smaller than, the exciton size has been reported by Singh et al.<sup>(8)</sup> For example, for a 100-A quantum well, if the average island sizes are comparable to the exciton size, the linewidth is ~3 meV; however, if the average island size is approximately 20A the linewidth is reduced to only 0.15 meV.

The above models for interface formation and PL linewidth predict that different wells, in a MQW structure will emit radiation with different linewidths and different peak positions.

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LASER DIAGNOSTICS OF CADMIUM TELLURIDE:  
CRYSTAL QUALITY AND EXCITON DYNAMICS

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Cadmium telluride is a II-VI semiconductor of increasing interest because of the use of its ternary alloy HgCdTe as a tunable-bandgap IR detector material. CdTe is often used as a substrate for the growth of HgCdTe epilayers and the detector performance depends upon the purity and crystal quality of both the epilayer and substrate.[1] Laser diagnostics of CdTe make possible the nondestructive screening of detector materials. In many cases electronic properties such as donor and acceptor concentrations can be determined without contact fabrication. Here we present both CW and time-resolved low-temperature spectra of CdTe. The CW spectra are useful for evaluating the crystal quality and the photoluminescence (PL) decays represent the first time-resolved results on single crystal CdTe.

A variety of CdTe samples from different sources were studied. The samples were maintained at 4.2 K and excited by a mode-locked dye laser at about 605 nm, which is well above the CdTe bandgap energy. Temperature effects are observed when the samples are excited with too much intensity, and these are eliminated by attenuating the laser to 10 mW average power and focussing with a cylindrical lens to a spot of about 2 X 0.3 mm. The resulting PL was dispersed by a monochromator and detected by a phototube. For the CW spectra, a chopper modulated the excitation beam for signal detection by a lock-in amplifier. For measurement of the PL decays, the PMT output (with 1.1 ns FWHM response) was sampled and averaged with a Tektronix 7854 oscilloscope with modified sampling plug-ins. In both cases the signal was acquired and stored by a minicomputer. Further signal analysis was performed on the time-resolved data to fit it to a convolution of the PMT impulse response and a model decay function.

The PL spectrum near the band edge of one of the high-quality samples is shown in Fig. 1. The PL is dominated by emission from bound excitons near 778 and 780 nm. The two

peaks have been assigned to excitons bound to donors and acceptors, respectively.[2] At longer wavelengths three weaker peaks are seen. The peak at 783 nm has been attributed to two-electron transitions. The other two peaks are LO-phonon replicas. The largest peak at 790 nm is a replica of the bound exciton emission near 780 nm and the feature with a sharp edge at 787 nm is the replica of the polariton (free exciton) line, which is almost totally reabsorbed at about 776 nm.[3] This sample shows very little donor-acceptor pair recombination, usually seen in the 840-850 nm region, indicating that it is fairly pure.

The band-edge PL spectrum can be used as a diagnostic of crystal quality by analyzing the relative intensity of the polariton emission. Under conditions of either thermal equilibrium or kinetic control by trapping rates the ratio of bound exciton emission to polariton emission should be directly proportional to binding site density. The analysis here is complicated by the presence of two types of binding sites with different binding energies, but a comparison of the data from three samples studied shows a correlation between the PL ratio and concentrations of donors and acceptors as measured by mass spectrometry (Table 1). This correlation is somewhat surprising, since the mass spectrometer is unable to measure concentrations of some of the most common transition metal impurities such as copper, iron and nickel due to mass interference with the CdTe. In addition, native defects such as Cd vacancies are not detectable by mass spec. Further evidence comes from the spectra of samples that have been annealed under a Cd atmosphere, which can reduce the density of Cd vacancy acceptors. In the annealed samples the polariton emission was significantly greater, corresponding to an improvement in crystal quality. Data from these and a wide variety of other samples will be presented and discussed.

TABLE 1

SAMPLE	PL INTEGRATED INTENSITY RATIO (BOUND EXCITONS/POLARITONS)	IMPURITY CONC. (MASS SPEC.)
2-47	52	4.2 E 15
1949	143	1.6 E 16
2-48	588	2.2 E 16

Figure 2 shows the PL decay from the polariton replica (dots), together with a calculated fit to the convolution of the PMT impulse response and an exponential decay of 1.9 ns (solid line). The rise time of this signal is limited by

the detector response, indicating that the polaritons are formed from the optically injected carriers on a subnanosecond time scale. The polariton decay is dominated by trapping on donors and acceptors. The PL decays of the bound excitons are displayed in Fig. 3. The donor-bound exciton decay waveform (Fig. 3a) is broader than that of the polariton, but the fitted decay lifetime is identical within the experimental uncertainty. The difference resides in the 0.6 ns rise time that was required for an accurate fit to the data. In this case the indicated waveform decay is determined by the polariton trapping rate and the actual bound exciton lifetime is the waveform rise time, or about 0.6 ns. This behavior has been observed in other II-VI semiconductors.[4]

The PL decay of the most intense line in the PL spectrum is shown in Fig. 3b. This line has been attributed to excitons bound on acceptors and it has the longest lifetime. This waveform also requires a rise time to produce a good convolved fit and the decay time is well resolved by our detection system. The best fit yielded a rise time of 0.9 ns and a decay lifetime of 3.55 ns. The observed lifetime varies with sample and temperature over a range of 2.6-5.0 ns. Results from a variety of samples will be presented and the application to crystal diagnostics will be discussed.

For temporal resolution of 15 ps, similar experiments were also performed using a streak camera. In addition to the CdTe studies, HgCdTe samples were also examined with this technique. These results will be presented in a related paper.

In summary, we have performed photoluminescence measurements on a variety of CdTe samples. The spectrum near the band edge contains information useful for evaluating crystal quality. Furthermore, we have performed the first time-resolved measurements on this system, which give insight into the excitation dynamics.

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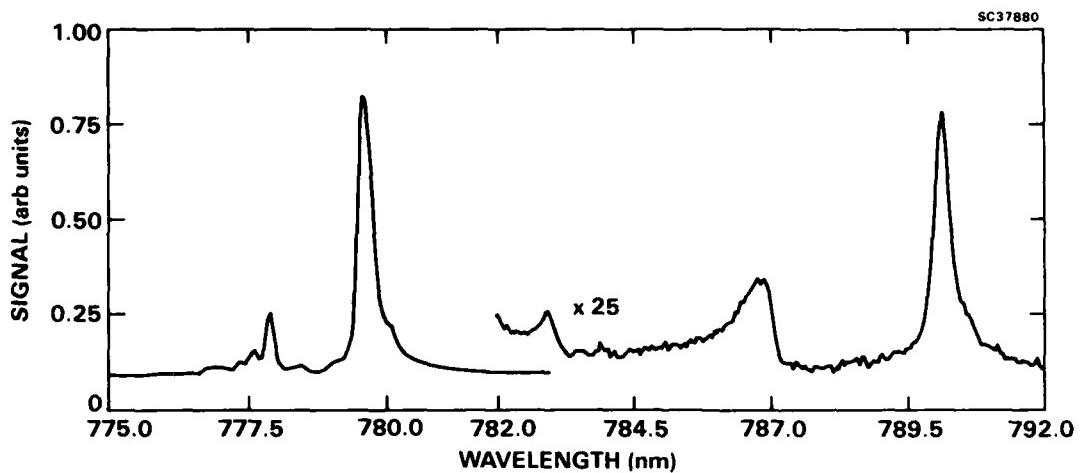


Figure 1 Photoluminescence spectrum of CdTe near the band edge.

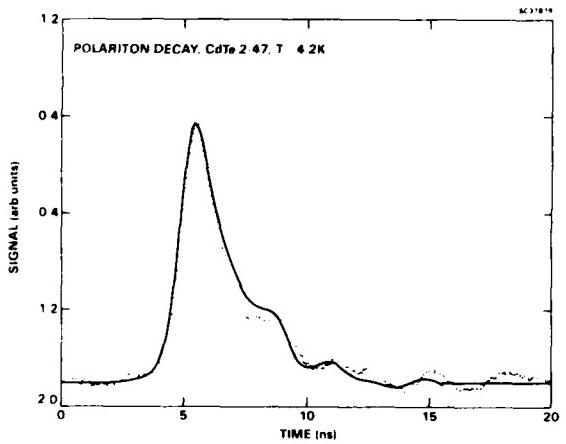


Figure 2 Decay of emission at 786.5 nm from LO-phonon replica of polariton band. Dots are data, solid line is calculated fit with 1.9 ns decay.

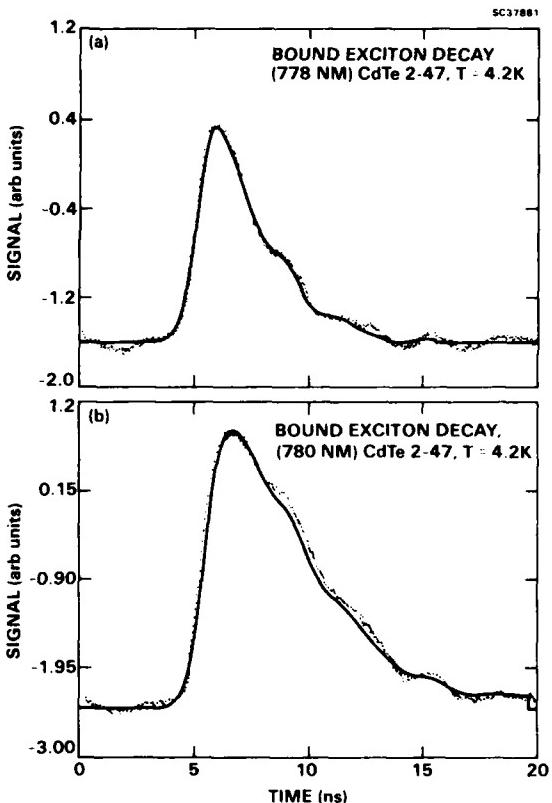


Figure 3 Decay of bound exciton emission: A) Emission from excitons bound on donors, 2.0 ns decay and 0.6 ns rise. B) Emission from excitons bound on acceptors, 3.55 ns decay and 0.9 ns rise.

Picosecond Time Resolved Emission of Mercury Cadmium Telluride  
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Abstract

Picosecond resolved emission of HgCdTe and CdTe crystals by IR-VIS streak camera shows temperature dependent multieponential decay kinetics and elucidates the mechanisms of exciton trapping and annihilation.

Summary

The characteristics of II - VI semiconductors as optical detectors are critically dependent upon defect concentration, trapping well depth, temperature, and radiation fluence. From this standpoint, one of the best diagnostic tools for the study of tunable bandgap optical detectors is laser generated fluorescence at cryogenic temperatures. To study exciton dynamics and to verify certain theoretical dynamic models, we have obtained time and wavelength resolved emission spectra of CdTe and HgCdTe (on CdTe substrate) samples at 12-50K<sup>1</sup>. The samples were mounted in a cryotip under high vacuum ( $\sim 10^{-7}$  torr) and cooled with liquid He to ~12K, and excited with a mode locked Ar<sup>+</sup> ion

laser synchronously pumped dye laser tuned to 630 nm ( $\tau_{pulse}=5$  psec FWHM, 82 MHz, 40 mW average power, 100  $\mu$  spot size). The temporal evolution of the fluorescence emission was obtained using a Hamamatsu streak camera (CdTe samples: S-20 response tube; HgCdTe samples: extended S-1 response tube) with better than 15 ps resolution, and decay kinetics were derived by fit to a first order convolution model.

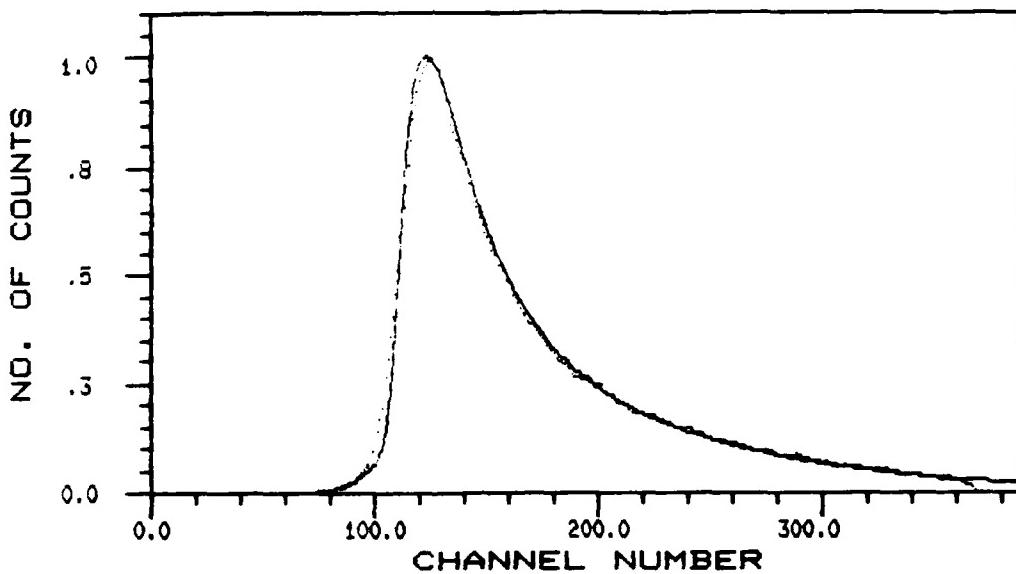
For the CdTe samples examined (T=8K), the emission showed peaks ranging from ~7756Å to ~8280Å. For wavelengths greater than 8000Å, the fluorescence lifetimes were greater than 5 nsec, the limit of our temporal resolution (15 psec to 5 nsec), and are attributed to donor-acceptor pair recombination. In a sample of high purity, no emission at these wavelengths was observed. The higher energy emission bands were dominated by two bands with maxima at 7786Å and 7810Å (Figure 1a, b), attributed to donor and acceptor bound excitons each of which display approximately biexponential decay rates, a prompt decay ( $\tau=200$  ps) and a long decay ( $\tau=8-1.5$  nsec) indicating at least two distinct decay paths for these states. The emission bands also exhibit a ~60 psec rise as the excitons become trapped. A weak emission band at 7720Å with ~20 psec rise and ~80 psec decay, corresponding to free exciton formation from free carrier combination and subsequent trapping and diffusion, was observed.

The liquid phase epitaxially grown short wave infrared HgCdTe samples (T=12K) showed one principle band at 13250Å, which was comprised of two decays (~250 psec and ~6 nsec) and a prompt rise (~50 psec) (Figure 2a). The relative amounts of these two decays

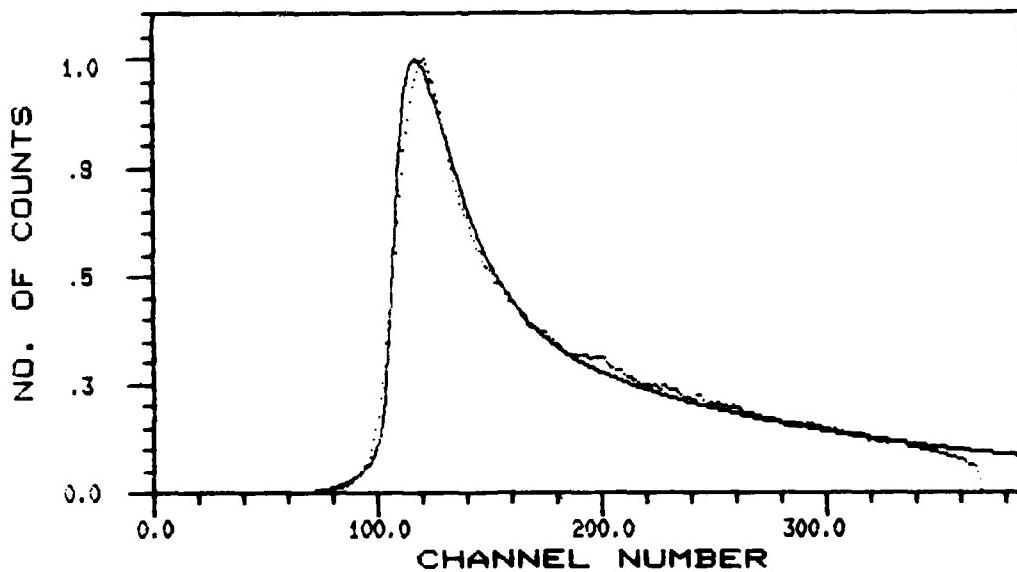
varied as different parts of the band were examined, indicating the presence of actually two bands that were not spectrally resolved. Raising the temperature of the sample caused the prompt decay to shorten (Figure 2b) and the relative amount of the long component to decrease until, at 50K, only the short component was observed, indicating a well depth of the trapped exciton of less than 100 cal/mole.

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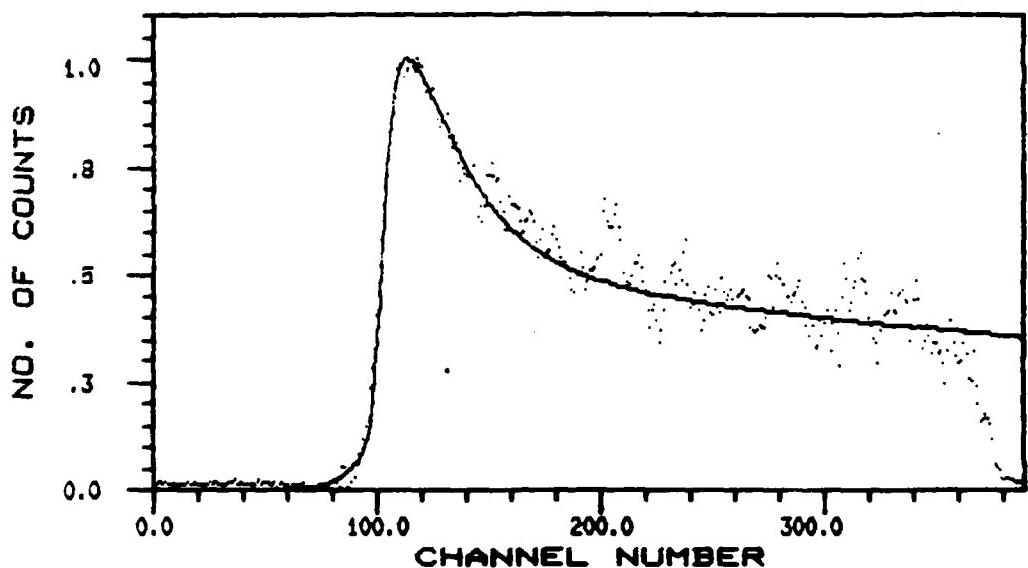
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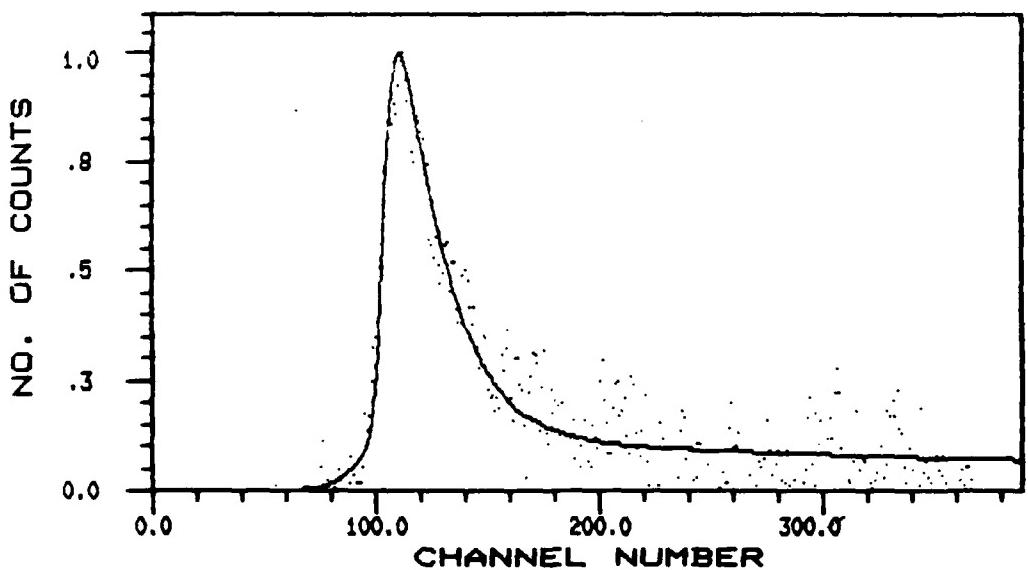
1a. Streak emission ( $7786 \text{ \AA}$ ) and convolution curve fit for CdTe ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 630 \text{ nm}$ ,  $T=12\text{K}$ , 2.5 ps/channel,  $t_0=\text{channel } 109$ ).



1b. Streak emission ( $7810 \text{ \AA}$ ) and convolution curve fit for CdTe ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 630 \text{ nm}$ ,  $T=12\text{K}$ , 2.5 ps/channel,  $t_0=\text{channel } 102$ ).



2a. Streak emission ( $13220 \text{ \AA}$ ) and convolution curve fit for HgCdTe ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 630 \text{ nm}$ ,  $T = 12 \text{ K}$ , 2.5 ps/channel,  $t_0 = \text{channel } 101$ ).



2b. Streak emission ( $13220 \text{ \AA}$ ) and convolution curve fit for HgCdTe ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 630 \text{ nm}$ ,  $T = 55 \text{ K}$ , 2.5 ps/channel,  $t_0 = \text{channel } 102$ ).

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Experimental procedures and preliminary results are presented for laser surface melted mild steel, laser surface alloying and cladding using a CW CO<sub>2</sub>laser. Microstructural and EDS analyses of the treated surfaces indicate that a laser beam can locally enhance surface properties. Laser surface alloying offers possibility of selectively modifying a low cost work piece surface to achieve the desired surface properties of high performance alloys. Laser cladding affords the application of high melting temperature carbides onto low melting work pieces as well as the potential of applying ceramics to metallic work pieces. Further studies will provide better understanding for the maximum utilization that can be expected of laser surface treating processes.